

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, stationary or higher temperature.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rain or sleet, higher temperature.

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WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantries—The Peace Minstrels.
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PREMIER OLIVER WILL ADVISE LEGISLATURE ON FUTURE OF P. G. E.

Historical Survey of the Whole Situation Will Be Followed by His Proposed Programme; Considers Federal Acquisition and Control Best Solution

Legislative Press Gallery, March 12.

Time and physical ability permitting, the Hon. John Oliver, Prime Minister, will follow his reply to the Leader of the Opposition this afternoon by the moving of the resolution, which for some days past has occupied a substantial section of the order paper and tells all and sundry the details of the agreement entered into between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the Province of British Columbia. The resolution asks the House for complete ratification of the terms of settlement, the particulars of which are now fairly well known. As well as placing the Legislature in possession of a complete history of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway enterprise

down to the signing of the agreement in Seattle less than a month ago, the Premier will supply a substantial amount of information calculated to bring home to the members the seriousness of the railway situation, not only by reason of its immediate effect on the finances of the Province, but also in regard to the cumulative obligation insofar as this particular undertaking is concerned. Despite the somewhat troubled horizon, the view of which the Premier will make no attempt to color with a fictitiously agreeable bias, he will advise the Legislature as to the best means of solving the problem of a most troublesome existing situation and point a way to a more solid hope for the future of the line and its ultimate benefits as the reward for careful and sober reasoning during the next few months.

The Programme.
The Prime Minister has made up his mind to a programme in connection with each section of the line, and he will tell the Legislature all the details of his proposed solution. Dealing first with that stretch between Whylcliffe and North Vancouver, Mr. Oliver suggests that the railway be placed in a good operating condition and connected with the North Vancouver street line service. He will advise its electrification or its operation with up-to-date gas electric engines, together with the abolition of the West Vancouver ferry service. By the following out of either plan the Premier is of the opinion that the line would pay its own way from the start. He sees no justification for the present in the construction of the line from Whylcliffe to Squamish, and he suggests that further work should and will be postponed indefinitely. In that section of the road from Squamish to Clinton, Mr. Oliver will advise a good lift of ballast and a thorough line up of the road and its completion to Fort George as speedily and as economically as possible.

To the Peace River.
The Minister will have regard to the fact that from Soda Creek to Fort George the Fraser River is navigable, but that the line of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is located along the high bench lands at a considerable elevation above the river on its eastern bank. On the west side of the Fraser he will refer to the large areas of arable and pastoral lands which should be tributary to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. He will suggest that at the old town of Quesnel it is quite practicable to bring the railway to the river level and there connect with the river steamers. The Premier is mindful of the fact that north of Kelly Lake at Mile 196.5 there is only one short pusher grade of 9.5 miles located just north of Quesnel. Without definite knowledge he is of the opinion that this pusher grade can be eliminated, in which case he has in mind that the railway from Clinton must be up to a trans-continental standard and maintained as such right through to the Peace River district.

The Ashcroft Cut Off.
As far as the construction of the railway through to Fort George is concerned, however, the Premier suggests that by that time the present world war will have been brought to a conclusion, or the province will be too exhausted to fight and build railways at the same time. But assuming the ability to build he suggests that once Fort George is reached the line should be carried through to the Peace River with a rush, and at the same time the Pacific Great Eastern should be connected with either the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway or the Canadian Pacific Railway at or near Ashcroft. Mr. Oliver believes that a feasible route both as to grades and curves can be found by following the Bonaparte and its tributaries from near Ashcroft to a junction with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway near Clinton. He regards the cut off as productive of a trans-continental standard grade from Vancouver to the Peace River, something impossible to get on the present line of the P. G. E. south of Kelly Lake at Mile 196.5.

Is Appreciative.
Even were the Pacific Great Eastern Railway completed to Fort George from Squamish, Mr. Oliver believes it would cost less per car to haul freight between Vancouver and Fort George.

British Aeroplanes Captured Two Enemy Machines in Flight

Amsterdam, March 11.—Via London, March 12.—How a British aeroplane captured two German aeroplanes in full flight near Ghent, Belgium, is told in a telegram from the Dutch-Belgian frontier.
The British airmen, being in heavy numerical strength, surrounded their opponents. The Germans saw there was no chance of escape. Rather than fight to inevitable death, the two German pilots hung out white flags and meekly flew toward the British lines surrounded by a flock of British planes.

Teutons Lost Five Aircraft Yesterday on Front in Italy

Rome, March 12.—Five enemy aeroplanes were brought down yesterday, the War Office here, announced in a report issued to-day.

BERLIN WILL TRY ANOTHER LOAN SOON

London, March 12.—A new German loan of 15,000,000 marks will be issued soon, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says. The German war debt now amounts to 100,000,000 marks.

VICTORIA MUST SUBSCRIBE \$102,000 FOR PATRIOTIC FUND TO REACH OBJECTIVE

At noon to-day Victoria had subscribed \$148,000 in the 1918 campaign of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. As a district, the city is just \$102,000 short of the amount asked. When the plans of the drive were laid the Central Fund Committee asked this district to do its best: to give to the limit. It was felt that \$250,000 was not too much. This it was pointed out was but a portion of the \$380,000 that will be disbursed in this district during 1918. Confidence was felt on the part of the central organization that the city would be able to measure to a high standard of giving.

That confidence was substantiated by the opinion of a large number of Victoria's leading business men.
"We are still a long distance from our objective," said Joshua Kingham, chairman of the Campaign Committee at headquarters this morning. "Owing to unavoidable circumstances two of the city districts have not yet been covered by canvassers. These will be reached to-morrow and we have decided that our offices shall remain open until Thursday evening. The original intention was to close to-night. We feel, however, that there are those in the city who wish to give during the campaign. To these we afford this opportunity. By this evening we expect to pass the \$150,000 mark but we are not satisfied. It has been impossible as yet to cover all the industrial part of the city, but many of the factories and yards will be canvassed after these offices have been closed."

Among the large subscriptions received was one augmented with an additional \$3,000 this morning. J. H. Todd & Sons have increased their yearly contribution to the fund from \$6,000 to \$9,000. It was also announced at the headquarters office that W. J. Brown, Leader of the Opposition in the Provincial Legislature, was subscribing \$600 for the year to the local branch in addition to his regular contribution to the fund in Vancouver, which he represents. Monthly returns from the bank employees of the city will total, it is said, \$175. A report received from the faculty of the North Ward School gives the yearly contribution as \$192 as compared with \$22 last year, when only one collection was made.

Several substantial subscriptions were made at the office this morning by visitors to the city stopping at the Empress Hotel and yesterday afternoon Secretary S. Cannell received a contribution of \$1, from one of The Times newsmen, who said it comprised the profits of two night's street sales.

Belief in Dawson Is That Stefansson, Ill, Will Not Recover
Dawson, March 12.—The latest advice received here from Stefansson, the explorer, indicate that he is a sick man. The belief is held here that he will not recover. John Martin, an Indian guide who went with the recent Mounted Police expedition from Dawson to the latest news from Stefansson at the end of a trip the guide has now set out upon. His trip will take several weeks to complete.

AN ONTARIO SOLDIER COURT-MARTIALED FOR DISOBEYING ORDERS

Toronto, March 12.—John Macswiney, a private in the First Battalion, First Central Ontario Regiment, was tried by court-martial here to-day on a charge of disobeying orders and being absent without leave. He was found guilty and sentenced to be confined in the army barracks for three months. The sentence will be announced from Ottawa.

MADE PORT.

A French port, March 12.—An American steamship, formerly a German vessel, has arrived here with her bridge smashed and a shell hole through her funnel as a result of an encounter with a Teuton submarine. The steamship defended herself with her guns on being attacked by the submarine.

A storm was encountered during which the cargo shifted. The vessel made port with the greatest difficulty.

AUSTRALIANS MADE SUCCESSFUL RAIDS

East and Northeast of Messines; Paris Tells of Artillery Fighting

FRENCH REPULSED RAID IN LORRAINE

London, March 12.—"Australian troops carried out successful raids during the night upon hostile positions east and northeast of Messines," says to-day's official report. "A number of Germans being killed and a few prisoners taken by us. Our casualties were light."
The artillery was active on both sides during the night southeast of Arrerieres and east and northeast of Ypres.

French Report.
Paris, March 12.—"Heavy artillery fighting occurred in front of La Pomme and in the region of Avocourt," says to-day's official report. "In Lorraine we repulsed a strong raid in the region of Moncel. The enemy suffered severe losses and left ten prisoners, including one officer, in our hands."
"On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

Belgian Report.
Paris, March 12.—In a successful raid north of Dixmude, Belgian troops took a number of prisoners, says to-day's Belgian official report, which says: "Well-placed barrages enabled us to check two enemy attacks against our advanced positions, one north of Dixmude and the other in the direction of St. Georges. These failures prompted the enemy to open a heavy artillery fire, especially with gas shells, but our artillery held his batteries in check."

German Statement.
Berlin, March 12.—Cambrai has been bombarded by long range British guns, according to to-day's army headquarters report. Several shots from British artillery of the heaviest calibre fell in the town, the statement says.

"PIPING PARSON" IS HEARD IN NEW YORK

Ex-Chaplain of Gordon Highlanders Thrills Canadian Club With Stories

New York, March 12.—The Rev. Laughlin McLean Watts, M.A., F.R.S.E., who was chaplain of the Gordon Highlanders and is known as the "piping parson" in the British army, was the guest of honor and chief speaker at the annual smoker of the Canadian Club, of New York, at the Hotel Biltmore last night. The Scottish preacher thrilled the Canadians with many stories from the trenches both humorous and pathetic.

He had been asked, he said, how long the war would last. "Let me say," he said, "that when I first crossed to France on Christmas Eve, 1915, and got with the boys I found them all fussing among themselves as only British soldiers can fuss, because they were being kept back from the front so long. They feared they would not get with the front line in time to enter Berlin on New Year's Day. Later we changed our plans and decided to enter Berlin on May 1. Well, we have changed our minds many times since, but we have not changed our hearts."

Religious Tolerance.

Major Watts spoke of the tolerance among the various religious representatives at the front. There was no bigotry in martial religion. "I slept with a Jesuit priest," he continued. "We ate together, talked together and worked together. His Jesuitry did not taint my Presbyterianism, nor did my Presbyterianism poison his Jesuitry. We buried all side by side and let God sort them out. And right here let me say that you people who are always quarrelling and fussing over religion will find that you must change that kind of religion when those boys come home."

STATES ASSISTS CUBA WITH HER PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

Washington, March 12.—Another ally became a borrower from the United States to-day when the Treasury extended a credit of \$15,000,000 to the Cuban Government to assist it in war preparations. At the same time Great Britain was given another credit of \$200,000,000. Both loans were made at the new interest rate of 5 per cent.

These credits raised the total of loans to Allied Governments to \$4,949,400,000, distributed as follows: Great Britain, \$2,520,000,000; France, \$1,440,000,000; Italy, \$550,000,000; Russia, \$325,000,000, of which only \$187,000,000 has been paid out; Belgium, \$93,400,000; Serbia, \$6,000,000, and Cuba, \$15,000,000.

SEMENOFF'S SIBERIAN TROOPS THROWN BACK BY THE BOLSHEVIKI

Compelled to Retreat Into Manchuria Before Stronger Force; Former German Prisoners Are Believed to Be Co-operating With Bolsheviks

London, March 12.—The Chinese commander at Harbin, Manchuria, has warned the leader of the Bolshevik forces in Siberia that an invasion of Chinese territory will be considered an act of war, according to Harbin advices under Saturday's date forwarded by Reuter's Peking correspondent.

Harbin, Manchuria, March 12.—General Semenov, anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia, has retreated into Manchuria before the advance of a superior Bolshevik force, according to advices from the border. The accuracy of the Bolshevik fire during the fighting is taken to indicate the co-operation of former German prisoners. General Semenov brought his dead and wounded with him in his retreat. Nurses and a supporting detachment are to leave Harbin to-night.

General Semenov's munitions are reported exhausted, as well as the funds at his disposal.

Officials of the Allies at Harbin agree that the situation in Manchuria is growing worse. Every plan proposed for the amelioration of conditions meets with opposition of apathy, they say, while fifty per cent. of the railway workmen in Manchuria are now Bolsheviks in affiliation, whereas a month ago the percentage was insignificant. Yesterday the workmen refused to move guns and trains to the aid of General Semenov and were planning the destruction of the supply outfit, Loyal Cossacks, however, forced the movement of the rail trains.

COUNT VON LUXBURG HAS FLED TO CHILE

Dismissed German Minister is Reported to Have Escaped From Argentina

Buenos Ayres, March 12.—It is reported here to-day that Count von Luxburg, former German Minister to Argentina, has fled Argentine territory, escaping to Chile.

According to a Buenos Ayres dispatch on Sunday Count von Luxburg had been granted a safe conduct by the British Government to sail for Sweden and was expected to depart shortly on the steamship Valparaiso.

Count von Luxburg was handed his passport by the Argentine Government last September after the disclosure of his objectionable activities in connection with the submarine warfare as it affected Argentine shipping—notably his message suggesting that Argentine vessels be "sunk without leaving a trace." In October he was placed in a German detention camp on the island of Martin Garcia, but later was taken to the German hospital in Buenos Ayres, where he was put under treatment because of his reported unbalanced mental condition. According to accounts from Argentina, there has never apparently been a strong desire on the part of the Count to leave South America and he has been openly accused in the Argentine capital of trying to avoid returning to Berlin by causing his condition to be represented as more serious than it actually was.

Rumor in Chile.

Santiago, Chile, March 12.—A rumor is current here that Count von Luxburg, former German Minister to Argentina, has arrived in this country. None of the newspaper correspondents has been able to ascertain as yet whether the rumors have any basis in fact.

More Troops Reach England in Safety From This Country

Ottawa, March 12.—Announcement is made through the Chief Press Censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England: Royal Flying Corps pilots, Toronto; infantry from British Columbia; engineers from St. John's, Que.; artillery from Toronto; forestry draft; railway construction troops, from Hamilton, and Serbian troops.

BOLSHEVIKI CABINET IS PREPARED TO MOVE EAST FROM MOSCOW

Washington, March 12.—The Russian revolutionary Government is prepared to move from Moscow to some point farther east if the German armies continue to advance into Russia. A message to the State Department to-day from American Consul Summers, at Moscow, dated March 8, said the Government was expected there next day, and that arrangements would be made to go to some other city if it became necessary.

A FLYING CADET SUCCUMBS IN TEXAS

San Antonio, Tex., March 12.—Cadet Raymond Wakefield, from Colchester, Ill., injured in an aeroplane accident when Lieut. Orion L. Mitchell was killed at Kelly Field, died last night at the base hospital at Fort Sam Houston.

RED GUARDS KILLING INTELLECTUAL MEN IN HELSINGFORS CITY

Stockholm, March 12.—The Red Guard contingents in Helsingfors are becoming more violent in their activities, according to a dispatch to the Tidningen from Vasa, Finland. "They are proceeding in quite a deliberate manner," adds the dispatch, "choosing their victims from among the intellectual classes and assassinating principally the clergy and land proprietors. All the agricultural commissioners except one have been killed."

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU

At the trial last fall the jury could not agree on a verdict. The grand jury brought in a true bill of murder, and the jury disagreed.

T. H. Robinette, K. C., of Toronto, who defended the prisoner, indicated to McCracken he was willing to withdraw his plea of not guilty, and plead a charge of manslaughter. The court accepted this plea.

medicines, advised me to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I got one box, and they helped me, so I got another one, and kept on until I had taken five boxes, which cured me. I have had no trouble with my back since, and am never without Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills in the house. Last summer I also suffered from piles, I used three boxes of your Ointment, and it cured them. I can certainly recommend Dr. Chase's Pills and Ointment."

— Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25c a box, 5 for \$1.00, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Do not be talked into accepting a substitute or you will certainly be disappointed.

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THE FIFTH DIVISION.

Sir Sam Hughes does not approve of the breaking up of the Fifth Canadian Division to provide reinforcements for the four divisions in France, and attributes the course to the "lack of military knowledge and organizing ability which have characterized the administration of forces overseas under the dual ministry."

We may be sure that in this Sir Sam is off the track again, as usual. The Fifth Division is being broken into reinforcements because the four divisions at the front need men. Last year those four divisions fought some of their hardest battles a long way below strength, while all the time thousands of men were kept in England to form a fifth division, to the command of which Sir Sam Hughes's son had been appointed. It requires no knowledge of military matters to realize that it is far better to have four divisions at strength on the battlefield than five divisions under strength, even if by doing so we have to dispense with a general or two and a numerous establishment of officers.

A Fifth Division was in Sir Sam's programme, but this was not to be the end of it. There was to be a Sixth Division. Then the Canadian army was to be divided into two corps of three divisions each. His recommendation to this end, he said, was endorsed by Sir William Robertson and Sir Douglas Haig. More than that, his proposal of three divisions to a corps, it appears, was a brand new, original military conception, for we learn from Sir Sam that "since I proposed it my plan has been adopted by the Germans and later by the British army."

This characteristic touch suggests an interesting picture. We can see the German Great General Staff split over the question of the size of a German army corps, with the Kaiser and von Falkenhayn on one side and von Ludendorff and von Hindenburg on the other at headquarters in Cologne. Suddenly the door opens and in dashes the Crown Prince. "Ach, dad," he bursts out after regaining his breath, "Der broblem is solved. Read die," and he produces a copy of The Lindsay Warder (Sir Sam's own) containing the report of a speech by Sir Sam describing his plan of forming an army corps out of three divisions. The Great General Staff heaves a sigh of relief and its illustrious members embrace one another. "Vot a feller dot Hughes is!" exclaims the Kaiser. "Ve would had been liked in three months if we did not follow the reports of his speeches in dot little paper of his. He is Frederick, Napoleon and Moltke, rolled into one and filled in mit Alexander, Hannibal und Caesar to keep him together."

The breaking up of the Fifth Division is an act of military necessity, and if it were not called for by the Canadian military leaders would not be done. It would be many months before there could be a sufficient number of trained men to fill the gaps and supply reserves for the four divisions and guarantee the supply throughout 1918, besides maintaining a similar supply for an extra division. And the need is immediate; hence the disavowance of the Fifth Division as a separate unit.

AN "INSIDE" STORY.

Some time ago a writer in Collier's Weekly gave what purported to be an "inside" account of the offensive launched by General Nivelle against the Aisne plateau last spring, and declared that the movement was brought to a standstill by political interference on the eve of a decisive victory. A dozen French Senators and Deputies, who witnessed the offensive, he said, frantically telephoned to Paris that the French armies were being slaughtered, and demanded that it be stopped.

The French Government has denied the story categorically, incidentally pointing out that it was calculated to do serious mischief. As a sample of the writer's inaccuracy it points to his reference to Ribot as Premier and Painleve as Minister of War at the time, whereas Briand was Premier and Painleve was not even a member of the Cabinet. Deputies and Senators did not telephone to Paris demanding that the offensive be stopped, and it was brought to an end by Nivelle himself because he saw it could not gain its objective.

A great many, so-called "inside" stories of military operations find their way into magazines and other publications from time to time, many of

them being ridiculous on the face of them. Not long ago we read one article purporting to describe the campaign in Palestine, the writer of which clearly was unaware that the British army operating there was not the same army that took Bagdad. This is just a shade worse than the article in Collier's the writer of which while professing to give an intimate, detailed account of what led up to the Nivelle offensive, and what transpired during the movement, did not know even which Government was in power in France at the time, or who was the Premier or Minister of War. We wonder what Collier's editor would say for the accuracy of an article in a French newspaper giving "inside" knowledge of American military operations which named Theodore Roosevelt as President and Elihu Root as Secretary for War.

HOW IT WORKED.

Shortly after the United States entered the war an embargo on exports to European neutrals was imposed by Washington pending the negotiation of trade agreements containing guarantees that supplies from the United States would not find their way to Germany. The effect of the embargo is strikingly set forth in an official statement issued by the Washington Department of Commerce, from which we quote the figures for January last, contrasted with January 1917 in relation to the four northern neutrals:

	Jan., 1918.	Jan., 1917
Sweden	\$4,392	\$5,674,171
Norway	1,310,157	7,323,928
Denmark	405,376	5,475,516
Holland	479,570	14,776,742
	\$2,199,495	\$33,860,357

In the seven months ending January exports from the United States to Scandinavia (Norway and Sweden) declined from \$16,200,000 to \$20,200,000 and to Denmark from \$33,905,000 to \$4,495,000. While Germany was importing heavily through neutrals up to the time of the embargo the difference in the figures does not necessarily represent the value of that traffic for the Washington restriction cut heavily into the imports of those neutrals for their own consumption. The embargo, however, has achieved all its objects. It has cut off three-fourths of the sale of food and metal to Germany by neutrals and has given the United States the use of 275 ships belonging to Scandinavia, Holland and Denmark. Henceforth exports to the neutrals from the United States will be larger than during the period the embargo was in force, for they were reduced to a very fine margin while Uncle Sam was driving his bargain.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The death of Admiral von Diederichs, of the German navy, recalls a historic incident the significance of which was not lost upon the Kaiser and his satellites as the sequel showed. Von Diederichs was in command of the German fleet in the southern Pacific during the Spanish-American war and appeared at Manila when Dewey was conducting his blockade. He at once tried to make trouble, refusing to defer to the wishes of the commander of the blockading fleet relative to the anchorage of his ships, as neutrals are required to do in such circumstances. Thereupon Dewey gave him a time limit in which to comply with his request and Von Diederichs tried to organize a neutral coalition against the American admiral. When he made his proposition to the British admiral it was curtly rejected with the additional information that the British fleet would support Dewey to the limit. Diederichs at once subsided and got out of the way. This, however, was not an isolated instance of German hostility to the United States. At the same time she was trying to organize a coalition on behalf of Spain, and this conspiracy also was frustrated by Great Britain's attitude. It was in consequence of her discovery of the strength of the tie between the two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race that Germany at that time began her gigantic organization for shaping American public sentiment in her favor, which, with its exchange professorships, German-American societies, control of newspapers and other publications and what not, continued in full blast until last spring.

The Cologne Gazette says it is none of Sweden's business what Germany proposes to do in Finland or with the Aland Islands, and that Sweden has nothing to thank but her own "prudence" for her present negligible influence. This is tough on Sweden after having been so consistently pro-German, supplying the Huns with food, iron and other commodities, but it is thoroughly characteristic. However, it all helps. Germany's eastern policy is progressing true to form and will end with the usual croquet. Whether, in the meantime, the Swedes will tolerate, without resisting, the occupation of the Aland Islands by Germany is worth speculating upon. If they do Sweden will be cutting her own throat. She certainly does not have to submit to it. All she needs to do, in co-operation with Norway, is to send Germany an

ultimatum to drop the Aland Islands and leave her kindred in Finland alone, and call upon the Entente to support her. Needless to say, she would get the support at once for this would involve the opening of the Baltic to the seapower of the Allies. Scandinavia has a strong card to play—stronger than Germany has—in the navies of the Entente.

There was no need to interrupt Mr. Bowser's speech yesterday, except, possibly, on the ground that, consuming 140 minutes, it was a sinful waste of good time and energy when economy of both is so urgently required. In any case he is bound to unbind himself, so why prolong the process by interrupting him? His speech cannot hurt anybody. Its tone and quality belong to a vintage which has gone out of date and which even in him is showing signs of subsiding. Some day, perhaps, Mr. Bowser will acquire the art of constructive political criticism, with a sense of accuracy and proportion, when he will be much more useful to both sides of the House, and certainly much more formidable as an Opposition Leader. At present he is a good political asset for the Government, and in appreciation of that fact the Government members should deal kindly with him. He helped to put them where they are.

The regulations governing packing companies, as published yesterday, include the following: "No extraordinary or abnormal provision, reserve, expenditure or loss of any kind not properly attributable to the business of a given accounting period is to be deducted from the profits or charged to operating expenses without the approval of the Minister of Finance." The William Davies Company, Ltd., must have known this was coming, for a few days ago a brief Toronto dispatch reported the increase of the company's capital to \$5,000,000, an uplift of \$2,500,000. While no more huge surpluses will go to reserve or to some "extraordinary or abnormal" repository where it will be bomb-proof against the tax collector, the doubling of the company's capital answers the same purpose in another way.

While von Hertling does lip-service to some of the features of President Wilson's formula for a league of nations, self-determination and so forth, the Kaiser says there can be no peace which does not acknowledge "a victorious Germany," or, in other words, which does not justify the policy of Prussian militarism.

LORD LANDSDOWNE AGAIN.

The New York Times. Lord Lansdowne, in his latest letter, makes it plain that what he is anxious for is that the war should be suspended as soon as possible, so that the belligerents may get around a table and try to reach mutually satisfactory dispositions of the various territories which, to his mind, seem the only things in dispute. He is urgent that as soon as possible the nations begin their negotiations of the "dickering" which seems to him inevitable because that is the way in which wars have ended before. To any moral principle in dispute, to any question of preserving the world's liberty, he seems to be, but we must hope he is not, indifferent.

He regards the time for such a conference as opportune because of Chancellor von Hertling's bland assurances that he approves of President Wilson's four principles as a basis of discussion. Lord Lansdowne's hearing is wonderfully acute, but his eyesight is bad. He can hear everything that Germany says, but he cannot see a thing that she is doing. Von Hertling's words fall soothingly on his ears, but his eyes are blind to Hindenburg's acts. It is strange, for the two things accompany each other; while von Hertling talks Hindenburg acts. "President Wilson's four principles would be a satisfactory basis," says von Hertling, while simultaneously Hindenburg lands an army in Finland and throws Transcaucasia into the arms of Turkey. "Of course we will evacuate Belgium," says von Hertling, while simultaneously the men of action go remorselessly ahead with their programme of cutting Belgium into two provinces and imprisoning the gallant Belgians who protest.

Is Lord Lansdowne unable to read anything in the newspapers except the things that Germany says? Does some domestic censor block out, before he gets his morning paper, every item of news describing the things that Germany does? Is he in a mental state in which he believes everything that anybody tells him without regard to the evidence? Nobody will believe any such thing. Lord Lansdowne is in full possession of his faculties. He knows what Germany is doing as well as what Germany says. But he is anxious to end the war without calling Germany to too strict an account, and when he "makes believe" that he believes what she says, he is merely trying to attain those purposes.

A TEST OF DEMOCRACY.

(Chicago Tribune.) The United States did what Great Britain feared to do and what Canada is struggling to do. It put the severest test possible upon its citizenship. The citizenship, after three years of trying to avoid war, after an election in which the avoidance of war was the issue, not only accepted war but accepted conscription and did not reveal by a quiver a protest of consequence. This demonstration of uncompromising conformity to national necessities, however disagreeable, was one upon which the future of an enduring republic may be safely rested. It was proof of the fundamental soundness upon which wise leadership may build the most powerful democracy of the world.

APPOINT DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

Land Settlement Scheme for Returned Soldiers; Grants to Soldiers' Widows

Further discussion concerning a land settlement scheme affecting returned soldiers took place yesterday at the rooms of the Great War Veterans' Association, when Lieut. H. W. M. Rolston, as a returned soldier; C. H. French, as representative of the Rotary Club, and Mrs. Whillans, of the I. O. D. E., representing the women of the city, were appointed local delegates to attend the Provincial Conference to be held at an early date.

It was suggested by T. Walker, of the Rotary Club, that desirable wild or unutilized lands near towns and cities be acquired by purchase or otherwise; that the present owners be required to assess their holdings, and that the Government then decide whether to expropriate at this assessment or leave present owners in possession at an annual taxation of six per cent. on owner's assessment. While the proposal was not adopted it was decided to recommend that if the Commission did not wish to take lands offered at owner's valuation the Government should be urged to strictly enforce the payment of the present wild land tax.

In connection with the clause referring to special treatment for soldiers' widows, mothers dependent on men who have died, and wives of invalid men, it was proposed that approval be given that such women be granted 160 acres of wild land without any restrictions as to sale.

TO MOVE RESOLUTION IN THE LEGISLATURE

Dealing With Share Payment to Canadian Northern Railway Company

Legislative Press Gallery.

March 12. Not in any way inclined to permit the matter of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company's defaulted obligations to become forgotten by the people of the province, H. C. Hall, member for this city, has filed the derogatory resolution for the consideration of the Legislature.

Whereas, under the authority of Dominion Statute, an Arbitration Board is now sitting to determine the value of the shares of the Canadian Northern Railway;

And whereas, the Canadian Northern Railway has covenanted with His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia for the construction and operation of certain railways in the said province, and has made default in carrying out the said covenant to the serious injury and loss of the people of said province;

And whereas, the said Canadian Northern Railway is the holder of all the shares of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, which shares constitute one of the assets of the Canadian Northern Railway;

And whereas, the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway has made default in carrying out its obligations and obligations to the construction and operation of certain lines of railroad in the said province to the serious loss and injury of the people thereof;

And whereas, the shares of these companies can have no value, unless the companies are in a position to carry out their respective obligations;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that any payment to the holders of the shares of said companies or any of them, until and until the obligations of the said railway companies and each of them, to His Majesty the King in right of the Province of British Columbia have been met, would be an outrage on the rights of the people of the said province.

And be it further resolved, that a humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause a copy of the foregoing resolution herebefore set out to be transmitted to the Honorable Secretary of State (or other proper officer) at Ottawa.

CITY'S PRIVATE BILL
Alderman Wants to Know Why Council Has Not Received Copies of Draft.

In answer to Alderman Fullerton, who presented some queries to the City Solicitor last evening in the Council with regard to the difficulties about the City's Private Bill, Mr. Hamington stated that the bill had not been printed yet, and therefore he could not file copies with the aldermen. As a matter of fact, the rough proof was only read that day. The Private Bills Committee of the Legislature had naturally become impatient, and had called him before them that day to know when the City intended to proceed. He told the Committee that he had only had two weeks to prepare a bill of thirty-seven closely-printed pages.

joint committee upon which the bill had been drawn.

Alderman Fullerton, as well as Alderman Sargent, pointed to the importance of full care being taken with a measure affecting \$3,000,000 worth of arrears, and having an influence on taxation for ten years ahead.

Alderman Sangster pointed out that no directions had been issued to the Joint Committee with regard to a plebiscite and therefore it had not been included in the bill.

The matter dropped on the understanding that the Solicitor would distribute copies of the bill as soon as it came to hand.

LOT CULTIVATION.

To the Editor—I have been much interested of late in the editorials and letters re vacant lots in the city. Mayor Todd's answers to the different objections to this conscription of said lots were really good. I am sure if I owned a vacant lot in the city of Victoria and the city authorities told me they would break those lots up and properly cultivate them, I would certainly tell them to get busy and break and cultivate, for every lot so treated would be worth more in the future than you could sow some grasses or plant strawberries, and have a lot decent to look at, not a lot covered with rough grass and bad weeds, as they are called. I am sure we practice farmers would be pleased if someone would come along and offer to break up our land for six months, and we can break the raw prairie much cheaper than you can these small lots.

Re the cultivation of said lots, I was much surprised to see the lots left after ploughing without packing or any attempt at cultivation. I have had a good many years' experience at dry farming and learning how to handle the soil. We always packed our land as fast as we ploughed in order to retain the moisture and cause the buried sod to rot more quickly; then cultivated the top in order to start any weed seed that may be in the soil before we plant; at the same time putting on the dust mulch. In so doing we have our land comparatively clean before we plant and still have all our moisture and are able to grow a crop should the summer drought be long and severe (as I understand yours frequently is). In this way you will secure for your lots a fairly good return.

G. C. KYLE.

ISLAND DEVELOPMENT.

To the Editor.—Your correspondent T. L. Boyden assures us that his main purpose in writing his letter of February 22 was to call attention to the lack of enterprise in regard to the great natural resources of this island. Surely everyone must agree with him in deploring this neglect. The writer, for one, is certain that had the people of Victoria awakened to their opportunities twenty-five years ago this outpost on the Pacific would to-day have been in the proud position of contributing ships and steel sufficient to give the Empire the balance of power against the wastage by the Hun submarines.

But 5 per cent. of that letter was taken up with a method of producing cheap electric power the writer naturally concluded this latter to be the purpose in view.

So that your readers who are interested in this phase of the subject, may understand that the writer is not prejudicing his case by a narrow viewpoint, he may assure them that his engineering experience is surprisingly parallel to Mr. Boyden's. In the old country he has been at the scrapping and replacing by internal combustion engines of more than the steam plant, thus effecting surprising economies. He also contributed his share to the development at Niagara and other water-powers in the Dominion. Moreover, it was largely owing to the fact that an Ontario steam-electric installation for which the writer was responsible that the city of Edmonton adopted the equipment for the powerhouse mentioned by Mr. Boyden.

But as long as the fact of the fact that municipalities can always offset their losses in handling public utilities by the simple method of taxation, so he and then he handed over her generating station to the Edmonton Power Company, a joint-stock company developing a 5,000 horse-power water right on the Saskatchewan River. The staff plant installed near Niagara by a manufacturing concern would not be in existence but for the fact that the large block of power required could not be purchased from the Hydro-Electric Companies owing to the having reached the limit of development permitted by the Dominion and U. S. Governments. All this might lead to the conclusion that it matters nothing which source of power we tap. But it is just here that the writer calls for a broad outlook on the subject, and calls for hydro-electric development in every possible case as a duty, because this is the one great natural power, constantly renewable, which we can readily make use of. In support of this allow the following brief quotation to be made from the opening and closing paragraphs of a statement prepared by the Executive Committee of the Engineering Council and presented before a committee of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington on January 14, 1918:

"The Engineering Council's official utterances concern only such underlying principles and economic facts as are endorsed by all engineers and beyond the field of controversy. Their function is a wide survey of the field of power production and the statement concludes in part with the following significant passages:

"It is our belief that the benefits afforded to the nation by the conservation of coal resulting from the substitution of a self-renewing for a non-renewable natural resource are far more valuable than is the exact solution of the question of restricting the returns to capital to their irreducible minimum. The present emergency due to the progress of the war has forcibly illustrated the greatest possible number of water powers as a source of industrial power supply."

A. S. FRASER, A.M.A.E.E.
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Will Prove Expensive.—The message from Ottawa that the Mackay case will have to be reargued before the Supreme Court of Canada on account of the judges dividing two to two has caused some apprehension at the City Hall as to the cost entailed. It happened that one of the judges was F. A. McDiarmid appeared on behalf of the city. It is certain the city will have to proceed, as it is the test case in the South Douglas Street Expropriation By-law.

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PREMIER OLIVER WILL ADVISE LEGISLATURE ON FUTURE OF P. G. E.

(Continued from page 1.)

via the Canadian Northern Pacific and the Grand Trunk Pacific than via the Pacific Great Eastern, the difference in grades, overlooking the difference in distance. He points out, however, that there is a more cogent reason for his viewpoint. Fully appreciative of the financial condition of the province, aggravated by the burden of the Pacific Great Eastern obligations, as well as by the pressing necessity for the development of the agricultural and other resources, Mr. Oliver is apprehensive of the difficulties which beset the path of carrying on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to a successful completion. Even if it could be done he is convinced that the best results could not be obtained that way.

Purely Provincial Line.

The Prime Minister will remind the House that the Federal Government has already taken control of the Canadian Northern Railway system while present indications point to similar action in respect of the Grand Trunk Pacific. With that in mind he will suggest that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway must of necessity operate as a purely provincial railway, under disadvantages, both as to grades, curvatures and routes, with the interests of the other railway corporations against it; to escape that condition it must be allied either with the Canadian Pacific Railway or with the Government controlled systems. In either of the latter events, the cut-off from Clinton to Ashcroft would, he suggests, be an economic necessity. He will refer to the reconnaissance survey already made over this route and detailed fully in these columns recently, pointing out to the House that no serious difficulty would be experienced in securing a good grade while the cost of construction would not be heavy.

What It Would Mean.

In further explanation of the Ashcroft cut off and with the balance of the road to the Peace River constructed on a trans-continental standard, the Canadian Pacific Railway, he says, would naturally be desirous of control, since it would give them the undisputed possession of the north and south zones of western Canadian transportation. He suggests also that the Company in that case would be placed in a position for effective attack on the traffic of both Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific zones from either or both sides, whilst its own southern zone would be immune, and its northern zone largely immune from attack by either the Canadian Northern or the Grand Trunk Pacific systems.

Federal Ownership.

Mr. Oliver will tell the Legislature that he would much prefer to see the Pacific Great Eastern taken over by the Federal Government, and linked up with and made part of a huge Government railway system. He believes that the national interests would be better served by the Federal Government owning and operating the P. G. E. system than by allowing it to pass into the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. He points out that the Federal Government has already come to the aid of Mackenzie & Mann, and cites it as sufficient evidence to encourage the belief that the people of British Columbia are entitled to at least equal consideration, particularly when the national interests would be served by so doing.

A Branch Line.

With a further reference to that por-

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tion of the P. G. E. south of Clinton, the Premier will observe that in the event of the road passing into the hands of either the Canadian Pacific Railway Company or into the hands of the Federal Government, he would expect them to take over the whole of the road from Squamish, and operate it as a branch road. He believes that the road could be electrified and operated fairly economically, while its local convenience would be considerable, and the branch assured of a fair amount of traffic. In fact the Minister considers that the convenience of the people adjacent to this section of the line would be equally as great as if it were a portion of the main line.

COURTHOUSE BURNED.

Springfield, Ohio, March 12.—The Clark County courthouse here, which is believed will cost \$500,000 to replace, is in ruins as a result of an early morning fire to-day which gutted the building.

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—Mantles, First Floor

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This assortment is made from a heavy quality Crepe de Chine, in very pretty shades of taupe, sand, navy, orchid, tea rose, maize, peach, pearl grey, white and black. The styles are neat and fashionable, featuring the new double-breasted effect with clusters of pin tucks. Very graceful collar, hemstitched. Splendid value at **\$5.75**

—Waists, First Floor

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Hygeian Drawers to match; ankle length; open or closed style. A pair **65¢**

Harvey Knit Drawers, fine rib, good quality, light fleece-lined cotton; closed style only. A pair **\$1.00**

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Extra O. S. sizes in Vests, with low neck and half sleeves. Drawers to match. A garment **\$1.50**

—Underwear, First Floor

Semi-Porcelain Dinner Ware Open Stock Pattern

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Plates, 8 in., a dozen	\$5.25
Platters, 10 in., each	\$1.35
Platters, 12 in., each	\$2.00
Platters, 14 in., each	\$2.50
Fruits, a dozen	\$1.95
Creams, each	70¢
Sugars, each	\$1.75
Covered Vegetable Dishes, each	\$2.95
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—Crocery, Second Floor

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—Silks, Main Floor

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—Whitewear, First Floor



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—Boys' Furnishings, Main Floor

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A nice medium weight cashmere finish sock, in black only. All sizes. Very special at 3 pairs for **\$1.00**

Penman's light weight fine Cashmere Socks (cotton mixture), size 10½ only. Reg. 50¢. Clearing, 3 pairs for **\$1.00**

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

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Also in Box Calf leather, in Blucher style, and with leather heels. A pair **\$7.50**

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It's surprising, the number of price advances which have taken place on Sheets and Sheeting during the past year, and now comes another. Notice showing further big advances to take place on future orders. The entire flax crop being taken over by the Government and the use of such huge quantities of cotton in connection with war work; the scarcity of labor and the higher costs of production, are some of the reasons given for the increased prices on all domestic fabrics. We still have a good stock of Household Linens of our old buyings. In your selection from these you have the opportunity to save considerably.

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—Staples, Main Floor

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—Children's, First Floor

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—Gloves, Main Floor

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A BEDTIME STORY UNCLE WIGGILY AND THE HOOTING OWL

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(By Howard R. Garis.)

Uncle Wiggily Longears, the rabbit gentleman, was coming home to his hollow stump bungalow one afternoon, having been out in the woods and fields looking for an adventure, but not finding any when, all of a sudden, his tall silk hat blew off his head.

"My! The March winds are very strong!" said the bunny uncle as he chased after his hat, which bounded and rolled along the woodland path, as though having a race with some last year's leaves.

"Hoot! Hoot! Hoot!" laughed a voice up in a tree over Uncle Wiggily's head. "Hoot! Hoot! Hoot!"

The bunny uncle after a hop, skip and a jump, caught his hat just as it was going to turn a back somersault, and, crowding it tightly over his ears, so it wouldn't blow off again, he looked up.

"Are you laughing at me, because the March wind blew off my hat?" asked Mr. Longears. "Who are you, anyway?"

"I am the big snowy owl," was the answer. "But I was not laughing at you. Indeed, I am sorry for you. Hoot! Hoot! Hoot!"

"Well, it sounded just as if you were laughing at me, and I don't like it," said Uncle Wiggily. "It isn't any fun to have to chase after your hat."

"I can easily guess that," spoke the hooting owl. "But believe me, I didn't even know it. You see, my eyes are made for looking in the dark, and in the daytime I can hardly see at all—not enough to feed myself—which is why I always have such late meals—after dark. I wasn't laughing at you."

"Then I'm sorry I thought you were," said Uncle Wiggily. "I beg your pardon."

"Don't mention it, pray," said the hooting owl.

"And can I do anything for you?" went on the bunny. "Would you like me to look for something for you to eat, since you can't see in the day time?"

"Oh, thank you, no," answered the big snowy owl. "I'll eat a little later. Hoot! Hoot! Hoot!"

"What makes you say that so much?" asked Uncle Wiggily. "It does sound just as if you were laughing."

"Well, it's only a way I have of sneezing," said the owl. "The sun tickles my eyes, even though I keep them closed in the daytime, and then I have to sneeze. Hoot! Hoot!"

"Well, as long as you weren't laughing at me, all right," said Uncle Wiggily, as he went inside his hollow stump bungalow.

"Who were you talking to outside?" asked Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, his muskrat lady housekeeper.

"The hooting owl," answered the bunny. "I thought he was laughing, but he was only sneezing. My hat blew off, and I'm hungry. Is supper nearly ready?"

BIG AUDIENCE AT PATRIOTIC SHOW

Last Night's Vaudeville at Pantages to Be Repeated for Lauder Fund

The naval and military services were well represented at Pantages Theatre last night on the occasion of the first performance of the vaudeville entertainment arranged locally, in aid of the Harry Lauder Million Fund for disabled sailors and soldiers. Capt. Hardy and a number of officers of H. M. S. Avoca occupied a box, and the naval uniform was well in evidence throughout the big audience, while the performers included a number of members of both services, assisted by half a dozen of the fair sex.

The honors of the evening fell to Miss Mary Shearer, who gave a finished exhibition of dancing, including a Highland sword dance, an Irish jig, a clog dance and the hornpipe. She is a graceful exponent of the art, and in her Scottish dances, the many medals decorating her tunic were ample testimony of her prowess in this direction. The correct atmosphere was imparted to her Scotch numbers by the music of the pipes played by Piper Miss Agnes Wallace.

Neil Black is a clever Scottish comedian, whose voice is remarkably reminiscent of Lauder's, and his singing of some of the old favorites of that famous artist was excellent. Perhaps his most popular number was "Just a Wee Deoch and Doris," in which many of the audience joined in the chorus. Much laughter and applause greeted Tom Melrose and George Wheeler, two talented seamen from H. M. S. Avoca, who infused much wholesome comedy and a clever little bit of dancing into their turn.

Other seafaring men who displayed their talent were Ted E. Danyon, whose rollicking created much amusement, and Frederick Neville who sang several comic songs in commendable fashion. Some amusing stunts were performed by the acrobatic trio, Oyster, Lambert and Carroll, who combined great agility with a keen sense of comedy. The sketch "Naughty," by F. Cyril Peace and Dorothy Banks, was well-played, but the principals did not speak sufficiently loud, and their voices failed to carry to the back of the theatre. This small drawback, however, will doubtless be remedied at to-night's performance.

The second half of the programme was taken up with a minstrel show, including black face comedians and fair pierrottes. J. B. Whitfield, and B. W. Young as Bones and Tambo, caused much merriment by their sallies; F. C. Peace, who made a capable interlocutor, sang very well, and Mr. Stevenson gave a number of amusing imitations.

The entertainment will be repeated to-night, and it is anticipated that a goodly sum will be available for the Lauder Fund as a result of the two performances.

"THE SPY" OPENED AT DOMINION YESTERDAY

An American's sacrifice of life and all its holds dear to him, to save his countrymen and learn the secrets of the German spy system forms the theme of the stirring William Fox production, "The Spy," which, with Dustin Farnum in its lead, opened yesterday at the Dominion Theatre.

Dustin Farnum, one of the few popular men stars of the screen, plays the role of Mark Qualtrane, a man of wealth and social position, who undertakes the hazardous task of gaining a list of the Teutonic spies in the United States.

In Berlin he finds it necessary to enroll himself among those spies before he can learn where the book containing their names is kept. Then he gets possession of it and sends it to the American Ambassador, while he himself is court-martialed.

The odd feature about this thrilling drama is that it contains all the vigor and excitement of war, without a single battle scene being flashed on the screen. Realizing that the public has a sufficient view of the Fox company arranged its story in such fashion that it was found unnecessary to fire a single shot during the taking of the picture.

In the cast are, besides Dustin Farnum, Winifred Kingston, Charles Clary, William Burrens, Howard Gay and William E. Lowry.

FUN FOR EVERYBODY IN THIS PROGRAMME

Those in this city who have seen or read about Montgomery and Stone's production, "Chin Chin," will have an added interest in the appearance of The Lowandes, commencing Wednesday of the Lowandes, giving the headline feature on the new bill of Pantages vaudeville. The Lowandes made possible the greater portion of the comedy in the big musical production, and they bring along on their present tour a turn that is freely admitted the funniest act in vaudeville.

Miss Marie Lowande and her six assistants have a distinctly original offering, made a burlesque on the circus and the riding school at one time. There are two real, honest-to-goodness horses in the act. Each of the six persons who help Miss Lowande make the mirth of the turn, rides at one time or other on some part of a horse with apparent ease.

Charles Anderson's "Krazy Kat's Revue" with ten young women of charm and talent is the secondary offering of the five acts of the bill. In the twenty-five minutes which the offering demands ten distinct and different song and dance numbers are given. John and Mae Burke, two old favor-

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The Lelands have an artistic "velvet" act. The woman member of the company assists the male in painting transparent landscapes which are illuminated to produce the necessary lighting effects.

Silver and Duval offer a comedy skit entitled "Simplicity," that has won the praise of many critics.

Joe Reed is a musical comedian who gets a lot of fun and some real soothing notes out of a one-stringed violin. The bill will be preceded by the projection on the Pantages screen of another episode of the interesting "Hidden Hand" serial.

Social Personal

Mrs. H. Hurst, of this city, is visiting in Cumberland as the guests of her daughters, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Ride-out.

Mrs. Swinerton, of Victoria, has been visiting in Vancouver as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. G. Brown, of Hampton Court.

Miss Brownie Bodwell is at present in Ottawa, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Maryne Hamilton for a few days en route to New York.

W. B. Shaw, general manager of the Union Bank of Canada, has arrived in the city, and during his stay will be a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Taaffe, of Vancouver, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Marjorie Taaffe, is spending a few days in the city. They are among the guests registered at the Empress Hotel.

Pastor C. E. Wood, of Victoria, will represent the Seventh Day Adventists, of this city, at the quadrennial session of the World Conference of this denomination, to be held in San Francisco on March 29 to April 14. Pastor A. C. Gilbert, formerly of Victoria, is to be the chairman of the British Columbia delegation.

W. Anthony Williams, the well-known tenor, returned to Victoria yesterday from New York and Boston, where he went some six weeks ago to have his voice tested by eminent critics. Mr. Williams came home to recuperate after his recent illness, which necessitated the postponement of his vocal studies, and expects to remain here for several months before returning to Boston to resume his training under the eminent maestro, Hubbard, to whom Mr. Williams went on the advice of Madame Melba. So encouraging were the criticisms of the masters who heard his voice, that Mr. Williams hopes to make his debut in grand opera at the end of the present year.

The Royal Neighbors of America, Victoria Camp, were the hostesses of a very pleasant social affair last Friday evening when they entertained the members of their auxiliary order, the Modern Woodmen of America, and their wives and other friends. The occasion was the first anniversary of the organization of Victoria Camp No. 5229, R. N. A. The oracle, Mrs. W. C. Young, presided over a splendid programme of music and recitations, and made a short address of welcome. After the programme two large fancy cakes, donated by members of the two camps, were auctioned and raffled, and the sum of \$12 realized for the relief of the blind at Halifax. Some of the best musical talent in the city assisted in the very excellent programme. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

Garden City Institute.—The monthly meeting of the Garden City Women's Institute will be held in the Institute rooms at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, when Mrs. Graves, of Victoria, is to address the members on the subject of "Homework." As the topic is one which touches all mothers of school children, and the members are greatly interested in child welfare, a big attendance is anticipated.

CHAPTER TO HOLD ANNIVERSARY TEA

Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., to Commemorate Founding of Victoria, on Thursday

Since its organization in March, 1912, the Lady Douglas Chapter, I. O. D. E., has annually commemorated the anniversary of the arrival in Victoria of Sir James Douglas, the first Governor of Vancouver Island. The event has usually taken the form of a brilliant social gathering at the Empress Hotel, with addresses by prominent speakers, but in accordance with the general feeling that such an affair would be inadvisable in view of the present war conditions, the Chapter has accepted the kind invitation of Mrs. W. J. Bowser to celebrate the event at her house on Terrace Avenue. The occasion will be marked by a tea, to which the members of the Chapter and other Daughters of the Empire have been invited, and an informal programme is to be given, to which Mrs. J. Macdonald Fahey and Miss Denise Harris will contribute vocal selections, and Mrs. Neroutos will speak on the work of the Navy League of Canada.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. Dennis Harris, the daughter of Sir James and Lady Douglas, is honorary vice-regent and Miss Denise Harris, their granddaughter, is standard-bearer of the Lady Douglas Chapter, while other grandchildren who are honorary members of the Chapter are Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen, Mrs. W. Higgins and Mrs. G. A. McTavish.

SERGT. R. FRED HUME MARRIED IN ENGLAND

Was Formerly Student at University School; Now With Forestry Corps

Victoria friends of Staff-Sergt. R. Fred Hume, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Duncan Hume, of Point Grey, and brother of Mrs. Clifford Kilpatrick and Miss Georgie Hume, of the Jubilee Hospital staff, will be interested to hear of his marriage recently, in England.

Sergt. Hume is a native son of Vancouver, receiving his education in the public and high schools of Vancouver, and finishing at St. Andrew's, in Toronto, and the University School in this city. He left Victoria in 1915 with the first Canadian Medical Corps, and after a few months at the Duchess of Connaught's Canadian Red Cross Hospital, was sent to France. Later he was transferred to the Dardanelles and spent nearly a year with his unit at the Isle of Lemnos, before being moved to Salonica, where he was stationed with No. 1 Canadian Base Hospital.

In 1917 he was recommended for a commission and returned to England, for that purpose, but was stricken with malaria, which necessitated his spending six months in hospital and rendered him unfit for further service. Since that time he has been acting as instructor in typewriting and stenography at a school where men unfit for active service are trained in a

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UNITED STATES HAS LAUNCHED 200,000 TONS OF SHIPPING

Equivalent to 24 Per Cent. of
American Shipbuilding
Programme

Washington, March 12.—Two million deadweight tons of shipping of the present Government shipbuilding programme have been launched. More than one ship a day are the estimated launchings for this month.

"Our combined requisition and contract steel ship programme at the present date," Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, announced, "comprises about 8,000,000 deadweight tons. The work that has been launched on this tonnage is equivalent to about twenty-four per cent. of the programme."

"Translated in ship tonnage this means that we have done work that represents the equivalent of launching about 2,000,000 deadweight tons of ships."

"We are beginning to feel encouraged by the shipbuilding outlook," he said. "Although experiencing one of the worst winters in the last forty years, we have completed and put into operation eighty-one ships to date, with a deadweight tonnage of about 690,000. Seventy-nine of these were commandeered ships; two of them were contract vessels, that is, they were built under direct contract with the Emergency Fleet Corporation."

"That the intensive production of ships is actually getting under way is seen in the fact that March will turn out more than twice the number of ships sent off the ways the first two months of this year. In January there were sixteen vessels launched, aggregating 112,000 tons; in February there were sixteen, of a total of 77,900 tons; for March the estimated launchings is thirty-five ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 220,591."

"In addition to this speeding up in hull building, there is an increasing number of ships finished rapidly and turned over to the board ready for use at once for overseas service."

"In March," says Hurley, "we have promised to deliver twenty-three ships so we are getting into our stride."

The twenty-three ships will have a total of 188,275 tons deadweight. Deliveries of finished vessels since the first of the year already number twenty-six, aggregating 300,541 deadweight tons; January production nine, totalling 78,541, and February seventeen, totalling 130,700.

Similar progress in construction of shipyards is reported by Admiral Rousseau, in charge of the board's yards' work. Of a total of 159 yards, seventy-seven have been established, or are being established, since April, 1917, and as a whole, these new yards are sixty-five per cent finished. There are 230,000 men at work building ships, and 300,000 are expected to be in the yards by June.

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REQUISITION ORDER BRINGS READJUSTMENT

Pacific S. S. Co. Issues New
Sailing List Following Com-
mandeering of Turbiners

Owing to the requisitioning of the fast turbiners Yale and Harvard by the United States Navy Department, the Pacific Steamship Company has been forced to readjust its coastwise services. The new sailing schedule provides for three sailings weekly between Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles, two sailings from San Diego and one sailing weekly from Victoria. The number of sailings will be the same as has been in effect during the winter months, this being made possible by the return to the coastwise service of the steamship Governor and President, Alternating in the Victoria-San Francisco-San Diego service the Governor and President will make weekly trips, arriving here from the south on Monday afternoons, and departing on the return voyage Friday afternoons. The steamships Admiral Farragut and Queen will ply between Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. The steamships Admiral Dewey and Admiral Schley will operate between Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Pacific Steamship Company had planned to place the Admiral Farragut in the Alaska service, but she will now be retained on the California run, and another vessel substituted for the northern route.

The Governor, Capt. Thomas, reached here late yesterday afternoon from San Francisco, and after putting ashore passengers and freight, cleared for Seattle. Since last November the steamship has been running between San Francisco and Honolulu. It is expected there will be a marked impetus to travel now that these fine boats have resumed in the coastwise trade.

Most of the Governor's space has already been booked for her southbound voyage. She is posted to sail from Victoria at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon.

FIRST SESSION WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA

Labor Commission Investigat-
ing Shipyard Dispute Sits
Here Thursday

Vancouver, March 12.—The first sitting of the commission appointed by the Department of Labor, Ottawa, to inquire into the wages and working conditions of the shipyard employees engaged in building vessels for the Munitions Board and in private yards will probably take place in Victoria next Thursday, according to the statement made to-day by Mr. Justice Murphy, chairman. His Lordship received formal notice of appointment of the Board yesterday and will at once get into communication with the other two members who will act with him. They are Gordon J. Kelly, president of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, and J. Tonkin, of Victoria.

Thursday has only been tentatively fixed, as Mr. Justice Murphy had not been in touch with his colleagues. He expected, however, that they would be agreeable to this course. The sessions of the Board will be transferred to Vancouver after all the evidence available has been taken in Victoria.

Comments on the situation were made by the Mayor and several aldermen. His Worship said while the individual license fee would be small, in the aggregate it would total up to a considerable sum of money. "Our taxpayers are taxed enough at the present time, and if there is to be additional taxation we should make sure it is going to the city," he stated.

Alderman Feden thought if more fees were extracted from the city there would not be much left. He favored application to Ottawa on the matter.

Alderman Porter declared that the taxation was to be merely nominal. He was afraid if the Council did object, the Government would overrule them.

The Mayor observed that on the graded scale a considerable sum would be taken.

The resolution was adopted and on Alderman Sangster's suggestion before Dr. Toimie, M. P., leaves for Ottawa, will be communicated with on this matter.

SALVOR IS RUSHED NORTH TO ASSIST WRECKED STEAMER

Will Reach Scene of Admiral
Evans Wreck at Hawk Inlet
Thursday

After running alongside the tanker La Brea off Cape Flattery and finding that she was not in need of assistance, the salvage steamer Salvor, of the British Columbia Salvage Company, returned to port and was immediately dispatched north to save the Pacific Steamship Company's steamship Admiral Evans, which struck a reef Saturday night in Hawk Inlet, Southeastern Alaska. The salvage of the Admiral Evans will be in charge of Capt. W. H. Logan, local representative of the London Salvage Association, who left with the Salvor. Capt. E. L. McNoble, port captain of the Pacific Steamship Company, is also on his way north and will superintend the work of saving the cargo of the wrecked vessel.

The Salvor, on this trip, is commanded by Capt. Hewison, formerly of the Union Steamship Company, of British Columbia, who succeeds Capt. T. Thompson, who had temporary command of the Salvor during the past winter.

The local officials of the B. C. Salvage Company anticipate that the Salvor will reach the scene of the wreck on Thursday.

Damage Extensive.

The rocks of the treacherous Alaskan coast ripped a hole in the Admiral Evans, it is reported, some distance forward of amidships, penetrating to the oil tanks, which soon filled with water. The actual impact was not heavy and at first it was not thought that the vessel was seriously damaged. On being advised, however, that water was pouring into the forward part of the steamship, Capt. Charles Glasscock, her master, headed the Admiral Evans for the beach and brought her to a stop within one hundred yards of the Harris cannery pier at Hawk Inlet. At high tide the steamship is submerged to within a few feet of her bow, but is resting on a comparatively even keel.

Now Southbound.

The 176 passengers aboard the Admiral Evans were all taken off by the C. P. R. steamship Princess Sophia, and landed at Juneau. The Sophia rushed to the assistance of the Evans on picking up the distress call, and reached the scene at daylight on Sunday. Some of the crew and a number of the passengers from the Admiral Evans are now southbound aboard the Princess Sophia, which is due to make Vancouver on Friday.

UMATILLA IS STILL AGROUND IN JAPAN

Seattle, March 12.—The Pacific S. S. Company's steamship Umatilla is still aground on the south Japanese coast, according to a cable received by A. F. Haines, general manager of the company from the American consul at Yokohama. The Umatilla grounded a week ago. A few days later it was erroneously reported she had been floated.

The Japanese Government has been asked to send tugs to pull her into deep water. The Umatilla sailed from an American port for Singapore, February 11.

WIRELESS REPORTS

March 12, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.76; 34; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 29.73; 30; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; E. light; 29.69; 26; light swell.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.52; 33; thick seaward.

Albert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.42; 28; sea smooth.

Triangle—Cloudy; calm; 29.34; sea moderate. Spoke steamer Alameda, 7-15 a. m., abeam Ivory Island, 7 p. m., northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 29.64; 30; sea smooth.

Ikedda Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.22; 32; sea smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.76; 37; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.41; 69; sea smooth. Spoke steamer Princess Beatrice, noon, off Cape Mudge, southbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; calm; 29.52; 40; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.45; 41; sea smooth. Spoke steamer Prince George, 11:15 a. m., Johnston Strait, northbound; spoke steamer Princess Royal, 10 a. m., leaving Queen Charlotte Sound, southbound.

Triangle—Cloudy; calm; 29.50; 36; sea moderate. Spoke steamer Anyox, 9:40 a. m., abeam Swanson Bay, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E. fresh; 29.64; 33; sea rough.

Ikedda Bay—Overcast; S. E.; 29.92; 34; sea smooth.

Prevalence of Rubella.—In his monthly report on the medical condition of the City, Dr. A. G. Price, City Health Officer, states that rubella (German measles) has been prevalent in the City during February attacking both adults and children. "It is of a very mild type and is harmless," he says. "The cases have been numerous, and have not been regularly notified, so that it is impossible to state how many cases have occurred in the City. Cases have been reported, and parents have been directed to keep their children from school when the disease is in the home."

C. P. R. BOATS REFT FOR BUSY SEASON

Princess May Resumes Service
to Permit Withdrawal of
Princess Sophia

Emerging from her winter retirement, the C. P. R. steamship Princess May left port yesterday for Vancouver to enter the Prince Rupert and Anyox service in place of the steamship Princess Royal. The early advent of the Princess May to the northern British Columbia trade is the outcome of the decision of the C. P. R. to withdraw the steamship Princess Sophia from the Alaska run for her annual overhaul and reft preparatory to the inauguration of the accelerated spring service. The Princess Royal will relieve the Princess Sophia for two trips in the Alaska service, sailing from here on Friday next and Vancouver on Saturday night for Skagway.

The Princess Sophia is expected to arrive from the north this week-end, and she will lay up on arrival here.

The steamship Princess Alice is temporarily out of commission for her annual inspection, but is expected to resume the mainland run by the latter part of the week. Running behind schedule the C. P. R. steamship Princess Maquina left port this morning with a large number of passengers, and a full cargo of freight for ports on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

ALPS MARU LARGEST FREIGHT CARRIER FLYING O. S. K. FLAG

Completing her second voyage in the trans-Pacific service of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, the Japanese steamship Alps Maru was in port yesterday from Yokohama via Muroran, discharging 1,500 tons of general Oriental cargo at the Outer Dock. The Alps Maru was launched July 7, 1917, from the plant of the Osaka Iron Works, Osaka, Japan, and was completed October 24 of the same year. On her maiden trip across the Pacific she left Kobe November 10 and reached Seattle toward the latter part of November last year.

This is the first call of the Alps Maru here. She is the largest freight carrier flying the flag of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, having cargo space for 1,000 tons more than the Manila Maru. Built on the Isherwood longitudinal framing system the Alps Maru has a gross tonnage of 7,789 and net tonnage of 4,862.

She is essentially a freight carrier, but has two first class staterooms with accommodation for six passengers. All the woodwork in the cabin is of Japanese oak.

The Alps Maru was brought across the Pacific by Capt. Yamaguchi, formerly commander of the O. S. K. liner Mexico Maru.

TRUANT OFFICER LEAVING

W. J. Edwards, Secretary of British
Campaigners' Association, Has
Received Appointment.

The School Board at its meeting to-morrow evening will receive an application from Truant Officer W. J. Edwards for leave of absence until the end of the war. Mr. Edwards has been appointed to a position at the headquarters of the Sixth Royal Canadian Engineers at North Vancouver, and will act as engineering instructor. He is an old R. E. man, went through the South African war in that unit, and completed his military career with the Canadian Engineers. He is well-known as honorary secretary of the British Campaigners' Association for a number of years, where his services have been of great value.

The Canadian Red Cross Society branch here will invite the trustees to participate in the organization of the proposed water carnival at the Gorge on May 24.

The Canadian Forestry Association seeks the co-operation of the Board in the distribution of simple pamphlets on Canadian forest trees through the agency of the schools.

The North Vancouver School Board forwards a resolution for endorsement advocating better per capita treatment for teachers from the Provincial Government.

There is a considerable amount of routine business to be transacted.

"It's always dangerous to jump at conclusions," said the careful man; "you're liable to make yourself ridiculous, to say the least."

"That's right," replied the other. "I jumped at the conclusion of a ferry-boat once, and missed it."

4 Classes of Citizens

1. Those in uniform fighting for their country.
2. Those at home paying and working to their utmost.
3. Those at home half-heartedly working or paying.
4. Those at home who neither pay nor work.

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MILLIONAIRES HELD TO DRAW BY SEATTLE

Fans Now Favor Metropolitans
for Victory of Pacific
Coast

Vancouver, March 12.—Sixty minutes of nerve-racking hockey without a decision being reached is the result of the first match of the Vancouver-Seattle series for the coast championship. Score two to two.

The champs of the hockey universe came to Vancouver yesterday, failed to conquer but returned to their southern haunts to-day on even terms with Vancouver so far as scoring is concerned, and with the advantage of playing the final on their own ice.

Unless Vancouver can turn in a victory on Seattle ice, something they have yet to do this season in the Mets home town, and a trick they have turned, but once in two seasons, the Mets will set forth on the cup hunting expedition into the wilds of Ontario or "Somewhere in Quebec."

Toronto seven to three victory over Canadiens last night in the first match of the eastern playoff indicates that the Queen City may be the venue of this season's world's series.

Last night's history making event was the sixth one in which Vancouver and Seattle puck-chasers have battled to a tie in sixty minutes of play. In former league engagements the teams have continued their arguments until a decision was reached, Seattle taking the long end of the count in three games and Vancouver in two, but as the championship is decided on the total goals scored in two matches there was no play-off last night, and when the team renew their battle to-morrow in Seattle they will start on even terms.

Before last night's match Vancouver was a ten to seven favorite for the game, and even money was offered on the series. To-day the betting veered with the Mets supporters offering ten to seven on them to capture their second consecutive championship.

Playing before nearly 8,000 wildly excited fans, the crowd, by far the largest that has ever turned out in the history of hockey, in the west, the goal was attacked from start to finish. Play raged from end to end, the rival goalkeepers made phenomenal saves and mighty roars ascended as first one goal was attacked and then the other. It was a memorable battle, one that will go down in sporting annals as the greatest titanic contest staged this side of the Rockies. The Mets deserve credit for their remarkable showing, away from home. The Vancouverians must be congratulated for a remarkable display against a smooth working combination. The cup holders have played brilliant hockey here in the past, but last night they excelled all previous performances.

BIG LEAGUERS SIGN WITH CAMP'S CLUB

L. A. Wattlejet, Former Victoria
Manager, in the
Limelight

Tacoma, March 12.—Responding to the call of Captain "Van" Cook, Camp Lewis athletic director, for the turnout of first Division baseball squad, twelve former major league stars reported for practice to-day. The team will be under the management of Captain L. A. Wattlejet, former manager of the Victoria team in the Northwestern League. Charlie Mulen, first baseman for the New York Americans, will be playing manager.

Among those who have signed up for the season are Captain James Scott, pitcher for the Chicago White Sox; Red Oldham, pitcher, Detroit; Charlie Schmutz, pitcher, Walter, Maile, formerly pitchers for Brooklyn; Harry Kingham, New York American; Louis Gusto, Cleveland; "Hap" Myers, Boston Nationals; Ten Cardinals, one-time with the St. Louis Cardinals, and C. Coleman and Howard Mumford, formerly with the Coast League.

Colonel Miller said he would go to Kansas City for a conference with Fred Fulton, but if he could not arrange a match between Willard and Fulton he would open negotiations with Jack Dempsey.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO RESUME CLASSES

The Victoria and Island Athletic Association will resume its swimming classes in the tank of the new drill hall this evening. This announcement was made by W. H. Davies at noon to-day. A possibility of delay in opening had arisen but the secretary was able to say definitely that all was in readiness for the first plunge at 5 o'clock.

LADIES' BASKETBALL

The following basketball games in the Ladies' Division of the Sunday School Athletic Association will be played at the First Presbyterian gymnasium to-morrow evening, the first game commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Fairfield Methodists vs. Presbyterian B; Metropolitans vs. Pilgrims.

DEFENDED ROSS TROPHY

Montreal, March 11.—Hochelaga successfully defended the Art Ross trophy in the game against the Imperial Munitions team, of Ottawa, winning by the score of four to three at the Jubilee rink here on Saturday night. The game was a clever exhibition of hockey.

VICTORIA CRICKETERS WILL MEET TO-MORROW

Annual Assembly of Associ-
ation in Christ Church
Schoolroom

A very important meeting will be held to-morrow evening when Victoria cricketers will assemble in the schoolroom of Christ Church Cathedral. The annual meeting of the Victoria and District Cricket Association promises to be productive of big things so far as the local sporting world is concerned.

It will be recalled by followers of the game that the 1917 season was one of the most successful in many years. This was not only true as regards the quality of the play and its spirit, but also with respect to the patriotic work that the association was able to accomplish.

To-morrow evening reports of the year will be received, officers elected for the coming term and plans mapped out for the summer season. The annual meetings of several of the clubs have already been held and reports indicate that there should be a large representation of delegates at to-morrow's session. The officers have asked that every club entering for the year be represented. The meeting itself, however, will be open to all residents who are interested in cricket. Officials who are well posted on the cricket situation in Vancouver express the opinion that at least three clubs, namely, Vancouver, Brockton Point and the Burrards, will be able to place teams in the field and battle for the Mainland championship, but it is recognized that every available man who has ever handled bat or ball will have to turn out and help to keep the game going.

A suggestion has been made that a reasonably good eleven could be got together from among the returned soldiers and in view of the fact that the game is one of the best means of regaining health and strength it is believed the suggestion would be well worth carrying into effect.

ONE LEAGUE MATCH FOR FOOTBALLERS

Friendly Soccer Planned; Medi-
cals and Infantry at
Willows

One league football match is scheduled for play to-morrow afternoon. The Garrison-A and B teams will play at the Work Point grounds. The match will be refereed by Willacy. The game should be fast in view of the contesting teams. Not a little rivalry has been demonstrated between the two and their exhibition is thus likely to be productive of some thrills.

Negotiations were opened this morning between the V. I. A. A. and H. M. cruiser now in port in an endeavor to arrange for a friendly soccer match at Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon. No definite announcement could be made at a late hour this afternoon but every effort will be made to have the match materialize. If played it will commence at 3 o'clock.

At the Willows Camp No. 3 Company of the 2nd Depot Battalion will do battle with the footballers—the Canadian Army Medical Corps to-morrow afternoon. Despite the quarantine at the camp sports are being promoted on quite a large scale. On Saturday last the Medical Boys defeated No. 1 Company and they are now expecting to carry their conquests further. The team of late has been playing good soccer. In recent games the club has shown down work as well as commendable individual play. To-morrow the C. A. M. C. boys will have odds in their favor when they take the field.

When the quarantine is lifted the Medicals expect to do some tall conquering in the basketball world. Several games have been played at the camp and the unit soon expects to have a strong quintette. When they are prepared to issue their challenge they may have such opponents as the Y. M. C. A. Seniors or the Victoria High School.

ANOTHER WILLARD BOUT NOW BEING TALKED OF

Jacksonville, Fla., March 12.—Colonel J. C. Miller, a retired ranchman and oil magnate, of Oklahoma, announced last night that he had closed a contract with Jess Willard for a fight to be promoted by Miller on the Fourth of July. Willard's opponent has not yet been selected and Colonel Miller did not announce the terms of the contract.

Colonel Miller said he would go to Kansas City for a conference with Fred Fulton, but if he could not arrange a match between Willard and Fulton he would open negotiations with Jack Dempsey.

GARRISON (A) TEAM.

The following players will represent the Garrison football (A) team in its league match against the (B) aggregation at Work Point to-morrow afternoon: Lomas, Watt, Church, Parker, Hooper, Boyd, Flinton, Mercer, Shar-cotte, Weeks, Potts, Reserve, Robin, Tucker.

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TORONTO DEFEATED CANADIENS BY 7 TO 3

Eastern Teams Struggling for
Championship in Tight
Battle

Toronto, March 12.—After the greatest exhibition of professional hockey witnessed here in years, Toronto defeated the Canadiens, of Montreal, seven to three last night in the first of the home and home games for the N. H. L. championship. Thrills and spills featured the proceedings, the checking being fierce.

The flying Frenchmen entered into the game with vigor, but Holmes in the net was steady and turned aside some wicked shots by Lalonde, Pire and Malone. The visitors were showing the better team play, but the Blueshirts checked like fiends.

Pace Terrific.

It seemed to be only a matter of time until either team would crack. The pace had been terrific in the first period, and the checking exceptionally strenuous. Canadiens made a bold stand at the beginning of the second stanza, and Lalonde repeatedly carried the play to Toronto's territory. His efforts were eventually rewarded when he beat Holmes on a hard shot to the corner of the net from outside the defence.

The fierce checking continued during the remainder of the period and the pace never slackened. Both teams were continually shooting substitutes were given to give the regulars a much-needed rest, but there was no further scoring.

Canadiens had many golden opportunities for goals but their shooting was off color during this stanza.

Cheering Madly.

The crowd was on tiptoe, cheering madly during the greater part of the concluding chapter. The goals were more numerous and many exciting incidents cropped up.



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OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Ronald William Duncan, the four-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan, of 578 John Street, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Chapel. The casket was covered with purple flowers and interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The death took place at the Royal Jubilee Hospital this morning of Ernest Samuel Prentice, aged sixty-one years. He was born in London, England, and a resident of Ganges Harbor for the past six years. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss, besides his widow, two sons at home and one sister, Mrs. R. Roberts, of Salt Spring Island. The remains will be forwarded by the Sands Funeral Co. to-morrow morning to Ganges for interment.

The death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning of Shinichi Takeshita, aged thirty-three years. He was born in Japan and was an able seaman on board the Suwa Maru, former resident of Seattle. The remains will be forwarded by the Sands Funeral Company to-morrow afternoon to Seattle for cremation.

The death occurred at the Royal Jubilee Hospital this morning of Frank McKinnon, of Vancouver, at the age of forty years. The late Mr. McKinnon, who was born in Prince Edward Island, was a broker by profession, and had lived within recent years at New Hazelton, and latterly at Vancouver.

Two weeks ago he came to Victoria to undergo a serious operation, from which he never recovered. He is survived by his widow, who accompanied him to this city. The remains will be shipped by the B. C. Funeral Co. on to-night's boat to Vancouver, where interment will take place.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie McIvor-Campbell McGregor, who died at her home, 25 Cormorant Street, last Saturday, took place Monday afternoon at 1.45 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. A number of near friends were present. Rev. Mr. Campbell officiated and the pallbearers were: J. Collier, C. N. Cameron, W. H. Menzies and W. R. MacLaughlin.

The funeral of the late George Unwin took place yesterday, leaving the residence at 2 p. m. and proceeding to Christ Church Cathedral, where service was conducted by the Rev. Robert Connell. Many friends of the deceased attended the obsequies, and the casket was covered with floral offerings. The following acted as pallbearers: H. A. Porter, H. Currie, Robert Erskine, R. Power, C. McNeill and Geo. Chadwick.

COAL PRODUCTION IN N. S. IN FULL SWING

Halifax, March 12.—J. B. McLachlan, secretary of the Amalgamated Mine Workers of Nova Scotia, arrived in Halifax yesterday from Spring Hill, where he had been in connection with the new wage agreement of the Dominion Coal Company with the miners. The dispute has been amicably settled and production is at its height.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD ACTIVITIES IN CITY

Preparations for Ploughing Match To-morrow; Cottage Garden Societies

Mayor Todd is in receipt of a number of invitations to support increased production at meetings of various organizations and of bodies who are anxious to take their part in increasing production, chiefly on the land. It is expected that when he cannot attend, one of the aldermen who are associated with him on the committee will assist in the propaganda work.

The Ploughing Match. It is a step back into the past to have an old-fashioned ploughing match planned in a public park, and to-morrow being a half-holiday with many classes of the citizens, there should be a good attendance at Beacon Hill. The event should form a fitting public inauguration of the greater production movement, and will at least be spectacular. Proceedings will start promptly at 1 o'clock at Haywood Avenue.

The cultivation campaign is having a distinct stimulus to the sale of fertilizers of all kinds. The increased Production Committee has ordered an investigation of the demands for whale guano, and if sufficient names are forthcoming, an application will be made to the Department of Agriculture to purchase a portion of the fifty tons of whale fertilizer bought by the Department.

Land on the north side of the old reserve was stated yesterday for the area to be cultivated by the Victoria West Brotherhood, and for its community piggery.

Piggery. The first pig license application formally filed with the City Council was received by it last evening from the Bishop of Columbia, the Dean of Columbia and P. C. Payne, an official at Christ Church Cathedral, to keep pigs on land belonging to Christ Church Trust. The communication was sent to the Medical Officer to be dealt with when other licenses are issued.

The City Council has authorized the printing of a number of forms of applications, which must be applied for setting out all details about pigs, and then the Sanitary Inspector will make a call. The Pig Regulation by-law has now only one stage to pass before it reaches the final reading in the City Council.

The increased Production Committee has been asked to investigate the application of the Great War Veterans' Association to assist in vacant lot cultivation, and to what extent additional aid to that given to other bodies can be forthcoming.

Cottage Garden Societies. The Cottage Garden Society of Ward Two, Saanich, is engaged in an active drive for increased production. Fine response to the slogan, "Keep a pig," has resulted, and a census will be taken shortly to show the exact increase along that line. Now that the price of mail feeds has been set by the Food Control Board, pig keepers will know the price they will pay. Like most societies engaged in this class of work they have gone on record in favor of more stringent enforcement of the pound by-laws, and particularly abatement of the stray dog nuisance.

Marigold. Ward Five residents met at the Women's Institute Hall, Marigold, last evening for the purpose of organizing a Cottage Garden Association. Councilor Henderson was elected president and Mrs. T. Hall was chosen secretary. Ex-Councilor Carey addressed the meeting, and explained what was being done in the Cloverdale section. As in other parts of municipality the meeting favored conscription of vacant lots for cultivation purposes.

Washington, March 12.—The start of the aeroplane mail service between New York, Philadelphia and Washington will be delayed probably as late as May 15 because landing fields at Philadelphia and New York have not been found. The service was to have been opened April 15.



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HUNDRED LIVES LOST AS RESULT OF RAID ON CITY OF PARIS

Paris, March 12.—Thirty-four persons were killed and seventy-nine were injured in Paris and its suburbs as a result of last night's German air raid.

In addition to the bomb victims, sixty-six persons were suffocated through crowding in a panic into a metropolitan railway entrance to take refuge from the raiders. These were for the most part women and children. Of the bomb victims twenty-nine were killed and fifty injured in Paris and five killed and twenty-nine injured in the suburbs.

DILLON SUCCEEDS JOHN E. REDMOND

London, March 12.—John Dillon, member of Parliament for East Mayo, was unanimously elected chairman of the Nationalist Party to-day, succeeding the late John E. Redmond.

LABOR DELEGATION ASKS LEGISLATION

Waited on Provincial Cabinet This-Morning With Lengthy Document

Following the customary procedure, subsequent to the annual Convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, a delegation waited upon the Provincial Executive this morning with a somewhat voluminous document. It faithfully chronicles a record of legislative reform viewed as essential by the assembled delegates at their deliberations in Vancouver in January last.

The delegation comprised D. McCallum, President of the B. C. Federation of Labor, Vancouver; Marcus Martin, Nelson; A. S. Wells, Victoria; T. L. Bloomer, Vice-Chairman for British Columbia of the Canadian Legislative Board, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Nelson; T. J. Coughlin, Chairman of the Dominion Legislative Board, and A. E. Soloway, Secretary of the Provincial Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

In view of the lengthy and comprehensive nature of the business the delegation was desirous of discussing with the members of the Government, it was arranged that they remain in town over to-morrow to enable the Cabinet to continue or conclude the discussion then.

There is a wide variety of subjects dealt with in the memorandum presented to the Government. It includes recommendations for the creation of a Department of Labor, as separate from that controlled by the Attorney-General, Electoral reform, the abolition of property qualification in the matter of the holding public offices, proportional representation, enforcement of labor legislation, amendment to the Factories Act, camp inspection, protection of electrical workers, protection of street railway employees, and the travelling public, protection of miners in relation to dust, the strict enforcement of the opening of all corporations towns to ordinary competitive business, the repeal of the poll tax, a maximum work week of forty-eight hours in all industrial operations and a minimum wage of \$3.50 per day for all adult workers working underground in the mining industry.

The delegation will attend at the Parliament Buildings at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRTEEN GERMAN PLANES DOWNED BY BRITISH ONE DAY

London, March 12.—Thirteen German aeroplanes and three balloons were put down by the British last Friday. It was announced to-day. The statement follows: "Three German observation balloons were destroyed by our aeroplanes on Friday. Five German machines were downed in aerial fighting, seven were driven down out of control and one was brought down by infantry fire. Four of our machines are missing.

BUILDING UP ARMY IN UNITED STATES

Washington, March 12.—A movement of 35,000 drafted men to begin on March 29 and continue for five days was ordered to-day by Provost-Marshal-General Crowder. The order calls troops from every state in the Union with the exception of Iowa and Minnesota. It includes men remaining from the first draft and those liable to call in the second.

The War Department is prepared to supply clothing and other equipment immediately for all the men to be called out.

An illustration of the progress made with clothing stores lies in the fact that every man sent abroad is equipped with a complete new outfit before he boards his transport.

NAVY DEPARTMENT OF U. S. UPHELD BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

Washington, March 12.—The Navy Department's conduct of the war was vindicated in a report made public to-day by the House Committee that has been investigating the subject.

Chinese on Trial.—The speedy trial of Mah Hing, charged with having dynamite, arsenic and a maxim silencer in his trunk at Chinatown, is proceeding before Judge Lammman this afternoon.

URGES SETTLEMENT OF NEWSPRINT CRISIS

Commissioner Pringle Appeals to Paper Makers and Publishers to Agree

Ottawa, March 12.—An appeal by Commissioner Pringle to the manufacturers of newspaper paper to "carry on" for at least two weeks and supply the publishers of Canada with sufficient paper to ensure the publication of the newspapers, coupled with an appeal to both the manufacturers and publishers to get together and effect a compromise, were features of the resumed newsprint inquiry here this forenoon.

Mr. Pringle, who spoke for about an hour and a half, dealt with every phase of the situation. While disposed somewhat severely to criticize the newspapers, the Commissioner told the manufacturers of newspaper that the Government could not be defied.

"I say now to the manufacturers and the publishers," said Mr. Pringle, "that this is a matter of compromise, and that you should compromise. The whole history of this country is a matter of compromise. We have done it in larger things. Let us do it in this. It is time that the manufacturers and publishers should agree, and if they can not then the Government should intervene."

ALLIES ASK JAPAN TO TAKE MEASURES IN SIBERIAN FIELD

Vancouver, March 12.—A special cable from Tokyo to The Vancouver Province this afternoon says: "Foreign Minister Motono was waited upon this morning by the British and French Ambassadors, who formally asked for the intervention of Japan in Siberia in order to block the German plans in the Far East.

"At the same time U. S. Ambassador Morris made the announcement that the United States will not object to the sending of troops by Japan to Siberia."

OTTAWA MEMBERS ARE TO BE SWORN IN NEXT MONDAY

Ottawa, March 12.—A circular is being sent to all the members-elect of Parliament advising them that they will be sworn in on Monday morning next at 9 o'clock. The swearing-in will be done by the new Clerk, W. B. Northrup, Assistant Clerk Beauchien, Sergeant-at-Arms Bowie and F. H. Gisborne, parliamentary counsel. The two latter have been called in to assist in order to complete the work of swearing in the members as speedily as possible.

FIFTY-SEVEN CAFES IN NEW YORK ARE CLOSED FOR A DAY

New York, March 12.—Fifty-seven restaurants and lunchrooms, whose proprietors had confessed to ignoring food regulations were closed to-day by order of local food administrators with the approval of Herbert C. Hoover, the national administrator. The places will remain closed until midnight to-night.

Mr. Hoover, who attended a conference here yesterday with local officials, issued a warning that extreme penalties would follow further violations of the food regulations.

FORD WILL BUILD U BOAT DESTROYERS

Detroit, March 12.—A second shipbuilding plant to produce submarine destroyers is to be erected near Newark, N. J. by Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, according to a statement given out to-day. The eastern plant is to be an exact duplicate of the one in course of construction by Mr. Ford at River Rouge, near Dear.

MONTREAL MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN VERY HOT

Montreal, March 12.—Six policemen, using their nightsticks vigorously, rescued L. G. Gauthier, ex-M.P. for St. Hyacinthe, from an angry mob of Mayor Martin's supporters in Baril Hall, Hochelaga, last night, when Mr. Gauthier was attempting to address the electors present in the interests of Controller Joseph Ainey, Mayor Martin's opponent for the mayoralty of Montreal.

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Am. Holden, pref.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref.	37 3/4	37 3/4	37 3/4
Can. Cement com.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Do, pfd.	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Can. Car. Fwy. com.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Do, pfd.	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Do, pref.	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Can. Locomotive	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
Civ. Inv. & Ind.	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Cons. M. & S.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Dom. L. & S.	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Dom. Textile	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Lake of Woods Mfg.	139 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
Laurentide Co.	154 1/2	154 1/2	154 1/2
Maple Leaf Mfg.	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Macdonald Co.	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2
Mackay Co.	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
N. S. Steel com.	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Ogilvie Mfg. Co.	151 1/2	151 1/2	151 1/2
Penman, Ltd.	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Quebec Railway	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Ridout Paper	180 1/2	180 1/2	180 1/2
Shawinigan	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Spanish River Pulp	134 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
Steel of Can.	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Do, pfd.	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Toronto Ry.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Winnipeg Elec.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Dom. War Loan (old)	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON WINNIPEG MARKET

"(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)"

Winnipeg, March 12.—The cash oats market was weak and lower to-day, with buyers very timid and afraid to stock up further. There were some sales at 2 to 3 cents lower than yesterday's spreads. In the barley market the bulls received a shock when the council announced a maximum of \$1.20 and no further buying in the May option except to cover previous short contracts. This had the effect of sending barley down nine cents a bushel without a trade being made. On the break the demand improved somewhat, the spreads being one cent better than yesterday. The flax market ran wild immediately after the opening and advanced almost nine cents a bushel. Later in the day this advance was almost wiped out.

The oats futures market closed \$ lower for May an done cent up for July.

Oats—	Open.	Close.
July	90 1/2	90 1/2
Barley—	85 1/2	85 1/2
May	190	189 1/2
Flax—	401	402 1/2
July	406 1/2	399 1/2
Cash prices: Oats—2 C. W., 94 1/2; 3 C. W., 91 1/2; extra 1 feed, 91 1/2; 1 feed, 88 1/2; 2 feed, 85 1/2.		
Barley—No. 3, 188 1/2; No. 4, 183 1/2; rejected, 157 1/2.		
Flax—1 N. W. C., 297 1/2; 2 C. W., 293 1/2; 3 C. W., 277 1/2.		

NEW YORK CURE.

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)	Bid.	Asked.
Canada Copper	2 1/2	2 1/2
Standard Silver Lead	1 1/2	1 1/2
Mifed	1 1/2	1 1/2
Tuloume Copper	1 1/2	1 1/2
Wright Martin Aeroplane	8 1/2	8 1/2
Northwest Oil	7 1/2	7 1/2
Nipissing	8 1/2	8 1/2
New Cornelia	16 1/2	16 1/2
Smith Motors	2 1/2-16	2 1/2-16
Utica Copper	9 1/2	9 1/2
Success Mining	9 1/2	9 1/2
Caledonia	47 1/2	47 1/2
Hecla Mining	48 1/2	48 1/2
Anglo Oil	12 1/2	12 1/2
Submarine Boat	12 1/2	12 1/2
United Motors	27 1/2	27 1/2
Kerr Lake	5 1/2	5 1/2
Curtiss Aeroplane	36 1/2	36 1/2
Chevrolet Motors	121 1/2	121 1/2
Condor Oil	21 1/2	21 1/2
Howe Sound Mining	43 1/2	43 1/2

NEW YORK BOND MARKET.

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)	Bid.	Asked.
Anglo-Fr. 5, 1920	89 1/2	89 1/2
U. K. 5, 1918	98 1/2	98 1/2
U. K. 5, 1919	96 1/2	96 1/2
U. K. 5, 1920, conv. 1919	98 1/2	98 1/2
U. K. 5, 1921	92 1/2	92 1/2
Am. For. Sec. 5, 1919	95 1/2	95 1/2
Fr. Govt. 5, 1921	125 1/2	125 1/2
Fr. Govt. 5, 1922	85 1/2	85 1/2
Fr. Govt. 5, 1923	86 1/2	86 1/2
Dom. Can. 5, 1919	90 1/2	90 1/2
Dom. Can. 5, 1921	94 1/2	94 1/2
Dom. Can. 5, 1922	94 1/2	94 1/2
Dom. Can. 5, 1923	94 1/2	94 1/2
Argentine Govt. 1920	95 1/2	95 1/2
Dom. Can. 5, 1937	90 1/2	90 1/2
Fr. Republic, 1919	95 1/2	95 1/2

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES SLIGHTLY LOWER TO-DAY

Chicago, March 12.—Cash corn was quoted five to ten cents lower in all the markets to-day. This will not have any pronounced effect on the futures as the cash article is still away over the option maximum. There was a certain amount of pressure on oats for the greater part of the day. It was said that many large traders had got rid of their long holdings and were now inclined to the short side.

Corn—	Open	High	Low	Last
March	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
May	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
Oats—				
March	91 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2
May	89 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	89 1/2

NEW YORK SUGAR.

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The Woman's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans will hold a silver tea at the G. W. V. A. rooms, Fort Street, Wednesday afternoon, March 13, from 2:30 until 5 o'clock. A good musical programme has been arranged, the proceeds of which will be given to the fragments of France Football Club. Everybody welcome.

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Bad Conditions Are Reported in Samples Taken Last Month.

The Council spent some time last evening in discussing details from Sanitary Inspector Lancaster's report showing that of twenty-two samples of milk tested in February, three were very dirty, seven were dirty, six fairly clean and only six in the clean grade. The chairman of the Health Committee, Alderman Peden, replied to the criticism of several Aldermen by stating that had more effective control of dairies been given last year, when the Aldermen rejected the Milk Regulation By-law, present conditions would not have occurred. He stated that the Health Department was doing all that lay within its power to abate the impure milk nuisance, that its opportunity was restricted by the lack of authority, and he mentioned that he had not given up hope of getting the new Milk By-law through the Council eventually.

It was decided to ask that in future the names of dairymen from whom samples were obtained should be supplied in the reports.

Supper.—Metropolitan Ladies' Aid will give a supper in schoolroom, Thursday evening, March 14, 6:30 o'clock. Good programme following. Tickets, 25c.

Rotary Luncheon.—The weekly luncheon of the Victoria Rotary Club will be held on Thursday in the Empress Hotel. Short business talks will be delivered by several members.

Revenue for Municipalities.—The joint committee which is preparing resolutions to submit to the Provincial Government in regard to municipal revenue met at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon to complete their plans.

Electric Wiring By-law.—The new electric wiring by-law was tabled in the City Council last evening. The length of the schedule occasioned some comment, but it was stated that it was a reduction upon the present regulations.

Five Hundred Tournament.—The North Ward branch of the Red Cross will hold a Military Five Hundred tournament in the branch rooms on Thursday, at 8:15 p.m. Parties may make up their own tables. Good prizes have been donated, and a big attendance is anticipated.

Winner of Sail Boat.—The sail boat raffled by the Willows Camp Chapter, I. O. O. F., for the Red Cross was won by ticket No. 26. The holder of this ticket is requested to call at the Sample Building to receive the prize. The raffle realized the sum of \$50.

Trouble Offered by Crows.—The City Council last evening referred to the Parks Committee the question of checking crows in the parks and other places of the City, owing to the destructive character of these scoundrel scavengers. The subject was brought to the attention by the Board of Trade.

Central Iron Committee.—At the meeting to be held to-night in the Belmont Building of the Central Iron Committee it is expected that a date will be fixed for the departure of the delegates for Ottawa. The committee will also receive a report from J. F. Hedcoe and Frank Higgins as to their trip, last week, over the Island.

Missionary's Danger.—The following request for prayer has just been received by Dr. H. N. Maclean from Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, Honan, China: "There are some very dark clouds gathering around us. Robber hands cause a state of horror throughout our field. Yesterday's paper tells of the murder of a lady missionary in the next province to us. Then there is this terrible plague devastating the country to the north of us, many of our friends being in imminent danger; and the terrible disease from which no one has been known to recover, is even now almost at our doors. Surely the home church should hold the ropes, now if ever for us. Now, I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and by the love which the Spirit inspires, to help me by wrestling in prayer to God on our behalf, that we may escape unhurt from those in China who are disobedient."

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Replying to the deputation Premier Oliver referred to the world wide war conditions, declared that provincial revenue and expenditure were far from meeting, but it was impossible to keep on borrowing. The cry for more roads came from all parts of the province, and the Government was faced with many demands for expenditure. The question, therefore, in view of this fact, as well as that of labor shortage was whether it would be wise to divert provincial funds for exhibition purposes. The Government, he promised, would consider the matter, however, as a plain business proposition, and if the fair could be shown as being of particular value in increasing production and improving quality the request would be given fair consideration.

Sunday School Extension.—Building permits have been issued to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, for an extension of the Sunday School to be carried out by Parfitt Brothers, and to Robert Chadwick for a private garage at 217 Government Street.

Use of Constance Street.—As a preliminary to the payment of two years' taxes on the Canadian Puget Sound Mill, the City Council has agreed to accept a lump payment up to June 30 next for the use of Constance Street, the water end of which is occupied by the mill yard.

Turned Over to Military.—James McClurg, who was sent down for one year on January 22 for an offence under the Military Service Act, and is now at Okalla, was ordered to be turned over to the military authorities to-day by Magistrate Jay, on the application of Captain Tweedale.

To Help Hospital.—Without dealing with the general question raised by the delegation from the Jubilee Hospital Board on Friday, the City Council last evening made a grant of \$8,000 advance on the \$20,000 promised during the year, in order to tide over present difficulties of the institution and enable most of the outstanding liabilities to be paid.

A Happy Evening.—The finding of five quart bottles of whisky in room twelve at the Commercial Hotel, where James Logan was asleep on the bed while men both in uniform and civilian clothes were having a good time at 2 o'clock this morning, will cost Logan \$50. Sgt. Fry, Constables Phipps and Adamson made the arrests. Logan did not remember anything about the events, he told Magistrate Jay to-day.

Aged Women's Home.—The monthly meeting of the Aged and Infirm Women's Home having been postponed on account of the funeral of the late Premier, was held on Saturday. The Committee were sorry to report that during the month they had lost by death two of the inmates who had been resident in the Home for a number of years. Mrs. Verdier, of Saanich, and Mrs. Sutherland, of Kamloops. Three had entered during the month, making the number in the Home at present fifty-three. The following donations are acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Tomlin, papers, and the Reformed Episcopal Ladies' Aid, cakes.

Successful Opium Raid.—Sergeant Fry, Constables McLennan, Phipps, Adamson and Strange executed a sledge hammer attack last evening on a set of rooms over 549 to 553 Piquet Street, and after disturbing the watchmen at two doors on the stairs, effected an entrance and caught Lee Chung, Wing, Sam, and Dan in an opium atmosphere. A quantity of paraphernalia was also taken. The premises are the same where the remarkable leap to liberty from a window of this room across the chasm to another roof was made by a Chinaman some weeks ago. A fine of \$15 and \$250 costs was imposed in each case, when the cases were called in the Police Court to-day.

VICTORIA OFFICER KILLED IN ACTION

Lieut. Geoffrey Ashdown Green Meets Death While Acting as Observer

Mr. and Mrs. Ashdown H. Green, of 1750 Rockland Avenue, last night received the sad intelligence of the death in action of their youngest son, Lieut. Geoffrey W. Ashdown Green. The communication was marked with the customary official brevity, and contained no particulars beyond the brief announcement that the young officer was killed on March 8, while serving with the 59th Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps, attached to the Royal Field Artillery.

The young officer was born at Dun-cann twenty-four years ago, and received his education at the Quamichan Lake School, and at the Victoria High School. Upon leaving High School he was articled to the firm of Bulkeley, Morris and Halliday, naval architects of this city. At the age of seventeen he joined the Fifth Regiment of the Canadian Militia, of which he was a member until his departure for overseas service. He left Victoria a few days before the Christmas of 1915, for England, where he joined the Honorable Artillery Company, and later transferred to the Artists' Training Corps. In February of last year he received his commission as Second Lieutenant, and was attached to the Royal Field Artillery, leaving England for France with that unit some time in March, 1917. Lieut. Ashdown Green saw considerable fighting, but for a long time was fortunate in escaping with but slight wounds on one occasion. Some months ago he took a course in aviation, and had lately been engaged as an observer, and it is presumed that he met his gallant end while serving in this capacity with the Imperial forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashdown H. Green are old-time residents of Vancouver Island, and their grief will be shared by their many friends throughout the district.

RIDGARD VS. B. C. E. R.

New Trial Ordered by Court of Appeal Commenced This Morning.

Before Mr. Justice Morrison and a jury in Supreme Court the trial is proceeding of the action brought by Mr. and Mrs. Ridgard, of Hillside, against the B. C. E. R. Company. This is the re-trial ordered by the Court of Appeal to which the case was carried after the original trial, in which the action was dismissed.

The damages claimed are for alleged injuries sustained by Mrs. Ridgard when entering a street car belonging to defendant company at the corner of Johnson Street in February of last year, the contention of defendant company being that the injuries alleged to have then been received were not caused by the street car, but were due to natural causes. J. A. Aikman is appearing for plaintiffs, and H. B. Robertson, with A. D. King, for the B. C. E. R. Mrs. Ridgard was the first witness called this morning, and in addition to the witnesses who testified at the previous trial, there are a number of additional ones to be heard.

Civic Retrenchment Association.—There will be a meeting of the Civic Retrenchment Association this evening to pass resolutions dealing with Provincial Legislation affecting the City of Victoria. The gathering will commence at 8 o'clock at the Odd Fellows' Hall.

Calls of Fire.—Yesterday afternoon fires occurred at Mrs. A. M. Pottenger's house, 413 Vancouver Street, at 2400 Margaret Avenue, Oak Bay, and at 370 Beach Drive. The only troublesome one was the first, due, it is stated, to a boy visitor at the house playing with fire.

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Bowser's Howitzer Fire Trained Upon Government

Every "Sin" in the Liberal Calendar Shelled With High Explosives; Some Were Serio-Comics and a Number Were "Duds"

Legislative Press Gallery, March 11.

For almost two hours and a half this afternoon the deeds and misdeeds of the present Administration were subjected to a veritable X-ray process by the Leader of the Opposition in his participation in the debate on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. Although the final "negative" failed to reveal any very serious blemishes on the Government escutcheon, or to produce any particularly original line of criticism, Mr. Bowser did not for one moment permit the earnestness and apparent seriousness of his diagnosis to wane. Despite the length of his peroration and his frequent somewhat spectacular eruptions his voice retained its clearness and volume from start to finish. The Speech from the Throne and all that it contained—and he confessed several days ago that he could discover nothing in it—provided Mr. Bowser with a part of the comprehensive text from which he drew his inspiration; but it was upon those subjects suspended ever so slenderly from the main theme that Mr. Bowser's unbridled eloquence found its most prolific exhaust.

Maintaining throughout that the people of the province had lost confidence in the Government during the few short months in which it had held office, and coupling that sentiment with his opinion that the new Premier should have gone to the country and tested its temper on his recent elevation to First Minister, the Leader of the Opposition took into himself a measure of solace as he visualized the handwriting on the wall and listened to the stinging hour of doom fast approaching for his friends on the Treasury benches.

He Missed Nothing. As he did in his memorable motion calling for a vote of no confidence in the Government at the adjourned session of the Legislature in August last, Mr. Bowser missed nothing from his continuous fire of criticism and condemnation, no matter how relatively unimportant and insignificant a place it had occupied in the political horizon during the last fifteen months. He fitted from Cabinet Ministers to the rank and file of the Government benches, flaying each in turn, not alone for an alleged failure to live up to pre-election beliefs and promises, but also for a lack of sympathy for the principle of Union Government during the Federal election campaign in the closing months of last year. In the footprints of his colleague, the member for Fort George, he created no new impression on this particular subject since he followed exactly the same process, with perhaps just a little different speech decoration.

The Premier had neglected agriculture for the glory of wielding the "big stick" over the railway companies, transgressing, too, in the sending of "saucy" telegrams to Sir Robert Borden anent onions. He failed also to detect one lot of constructive sentiment in any of the legislative introductions into the House; in fact his outlook for the future, unless the Government would take his advice, was a very cloudy sky with a new form of downpour by way of Government to be known to the province as "Oliverism" or one-man administration.

Memorable Parliament. At the outset of his remarks the Leader of the Opposition suggested that the seventeenth Parliament of British Columbia would go down in history as one of the most memorable since the introduction of responsible Government into the province. During its yet young life it had witnessed the departure from mortal ken of three men of outstanding ability and reputation in the persons of the Hon. Ralph Smith, Sir Richard McBride and the Hon. H. C. Brewster, while by way of epoch making legislation it had seen adopted, as the law of the province, prohibition and the extension of the franchise to the fair sex.

Although the speaker had not been able to assimilate the particular brand of humor in which the member for Fernie had indulged in his reference to his (Mr. Bowser's) continuous objection to the woman's vote, the Leader of the Opposition informed the House that he had changed his opinion on that subject in a similar manner to that which had characterized many other adjustments of view since the commencement of the war. However, congratulations to Mrs. Smith were in order, and although he inclined to the view that representation on the floor of the House by a returned soldier would have been more fitting at this juncture, he would bow to the will of the electorate. That Mrs. Smith was possessed of good judgment he was convinced, and no better evidence of it could be cited than her decision to conduct her election under the banner of Independent.

Dig at Sloan. It had been a source of grave alarm to Mr. Bowser when he read long ago of the plans the Minister of Mines had formulated with a view to the creation of smelters, iron and steel industries, and other industrial phenomena. For some time he had suffered with throat trouble and the contemplation of a smoke-laden atmosphere through out many sections of the province had compelled thoughts of a life indoors. "But I am still breathing the same pure air as I was before the Minister of Mines brought in his 'paper' policies," exclaimed the Leader of the Opposition, amid laughter.

Youthful and Loquacious. "And then there is my youthful and loquacious friend from Richmond," continued Mr. Bowser as he trained his vision on Gerald McGeer, accusing him of delivering an ultimatum to the Cabinet, demanding the Speakership as an alternative to crossing the floor to the Opposition benches. Mr. McGeer nailed

Expected Millennium.

The popular cry in 1916 almost convinced the province that just as soon as the Liberals came into power there would be a simultaneous arrival of the Millennium and that all the evils to which man is heir would be "run in," said Mr. Bowser as he dropped the suggestion that the Ministerial trip into the north last summer had been taken at the public expense.

Mr. Weart, speaking for himself at this point, reminded Mr. Bowser that he had paid his own way for which he received due congratulation. Seeing his chance for a dig Mr. McGeer suggested that Mr. Bowser was unacquainted with the new system. With a change in theme the Leader of the Opposition congratulated the Hon. Mr. Oliver on his attaining the heights of his ambition, nevertheless recognizing in him a foeman worthy of Opposition steel. He, however, commiserated with those who fell in battle during the caucus of Tuesday evening last. Only the Bolshevik, on the other hand, would transgress constitutional procedure so far as to select a Premier by a party caucus vote.

The Big Stick. The threadbare argument of the First Minister's time having been devoted to the chasing of railways with the big stick at the expense of Agriculture was again trotted out. In fact the Minister had done nothing to stimulate production, he had merely hindered it by penalizing the farmer with the "iniquitous" surtax. It might not be a bad thing for the Premier to retain the portfolio of Minister of Railways under the present circumstances, continued the Leader of the Opposition, but if he decided so to do he would counsel the dropping of Agriculture and the appointment of another whose whole time could be devoted thereto. It had to be admitted, of course, that Mr. Oliver had spent some time and thought in the sending of "saucy" telegrams to Sir Robert Borden about a stock of onions. But in the best interests of production, suggested Mr. Bowser, he hoped Mr. Oliver would take his advice.

Mr. Oliver: "I'll take it for what it's worth." It was at this time that Mr. Bowser let go his prophesy that now Mr. Oliver had reached the topmost pinnacle there would be born into the province a new "ism" known as Oliverism, for if ever one-man Government came into being it came the night the Bolshevik met to select the present Premier as the leader of the Government, said he.

Mr. Hart Wore Nothing. Then came the pillory of the Government—or at least a number of its members—for either outspoken utterances against Unionism at the Federal election or a tacit silence leaving their attitude in doubt. Mr. Bowser gave chapter and verse in each case, and in his uncertainty as to Mr. Hart's precise stand he referred to the visit of the Minister of Finance to Vancouver at the time of Sir Wilfrid's visit, when he had supposedly worn a tell tale badge. Hon. Mr. Hart, however, rose with childlike innocence and confessed without a blush that he went to Vancouver wearing nothing, an admission that drew from Mr. Bowser the suggestion that the next time the Victoria Minister crossed to the mainland the Chief of Police at the Terminal City should be duly advised. Both Chamber and galleries enjoyed Mr. Hart's lapsus linguae.

He Saw Red. Mr. McGeer was getting hotter under the collar all the time, since he remembered the Speaker's hint to himself to keep to the King's Speech. Mr. Bowser's frequent flights, however, were more or less excused by the Hon. Mr. Keen in that he would countenance a little wider scope from the Leaders of the Government and Opposition in debate on the reply. Mr. Oliver was not agreeing with that sentiment. To force matters, the member for Richmond challenged Mr. Bowser to a public platform debate—without gloves—as a way out, to which the Leader of the Opposition offered no enthusiasm since he refused to give Mr. McGeer such prominence.

Honest. Another thought struck Mr. Bowser.

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Kangaroo Court. There followed from Mr. Bowser the details of the Duggan incident and a demand that a long list of officials, who had also taken part in the late election, be subjected to the same treatment if his charges of equal participation with Duggan could be substantiated. And here Mr. Bowser gave full particulars of name and incidents.

He wanted no "kangaroo court" this time, and he would depend upon the Premier's honesty in the matter.

Passing to the finances of the province, Mr. Bowser observed "that these gentlemen who said that the days of the borrowing Government were ended have borrowed \$3,500,000 since they have been in office," and that on short term loans at a high rate of interest. He urged longer terms with posterity, as the benefactors of present-day sound judgment, to pay the piper.

Trust Funds. Mr. Bowser accused the Government of defying the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act by borrowing its trust funds to the extent of \$300,000, when such funds should have been kept inviolate.

The Premier promptly reminded the Leader of the Opposition of a section of the statutes of the province which had been placed there by Mr. Bowser himself to cover such a proceeding. Only laughter greeted Mr. Bowser's confession that he never thought such a situation would arise demanding the enlistment of that machinery. The fact that the \$300,000 in question are invested in the Government's bonds

drew from Mr. Pattullo the inquiry of Mr. Bowser as to whether or not he thought the British Columbia bond a bad investment. Mr. Bowser did under the present administration.

Mr. Manson: "Bow-wow-wow!" Mr. Bowser sought protection from the above "insult."

Mr. Oliver said he had listened to two hours of insult while Mr. Bowser had gone round the House with his vile imagination and charges of disloyalty to the Empire to which he was proud to belong.

No Retrenchment. The Leader of the Opposition concluded his speech with the suggestion that there had been no constructive legislation and no retrenchment; patronage had not been abolished because Conservatives had been let out of jobs and Liberals put in. On the other hand the Conservative Government had been the means of commencing the shipbuilding industry here, which alone was a monument to the wisdom of the administration now no more.

The debate was adjourned by the Honorable the Premier at 5:30.